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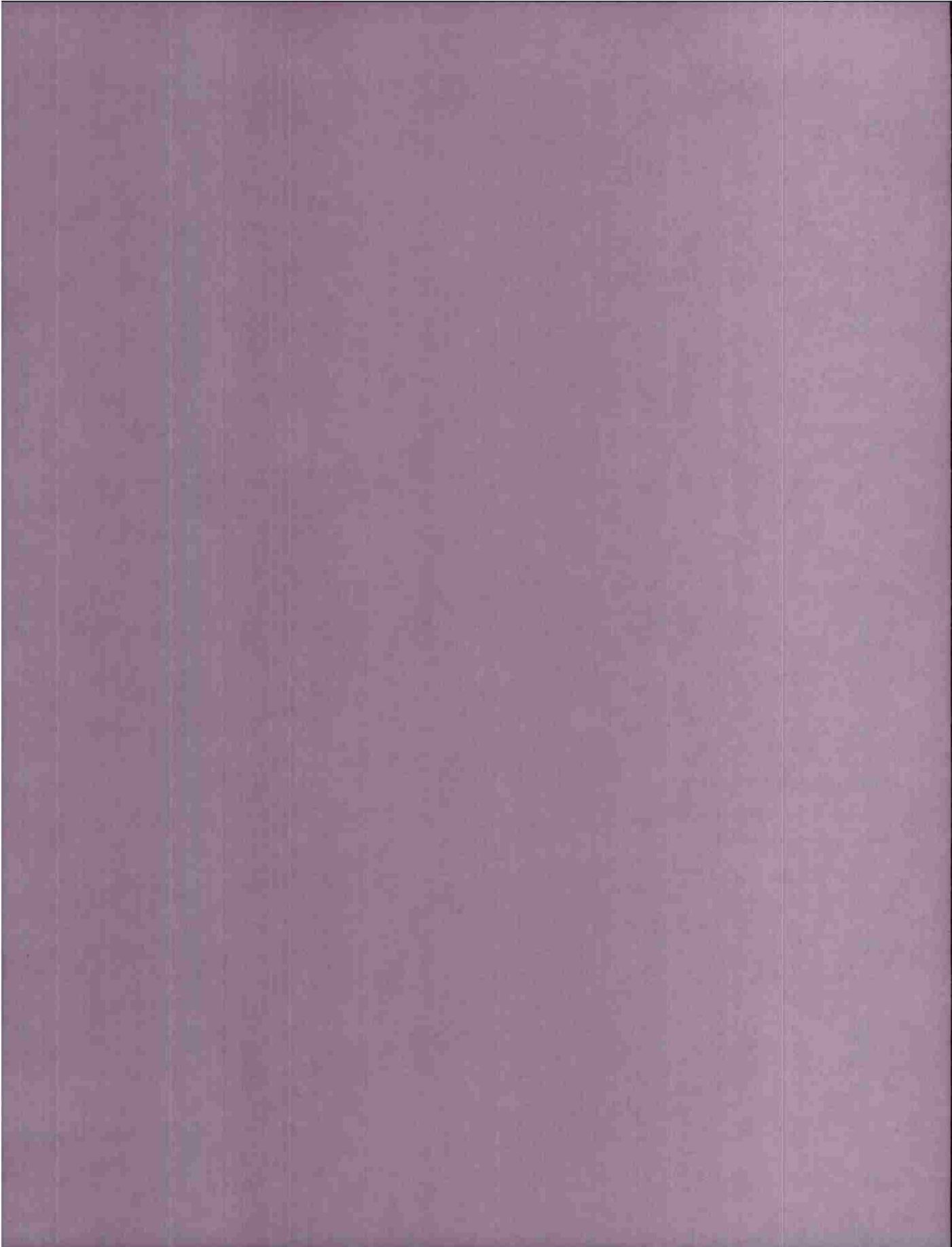
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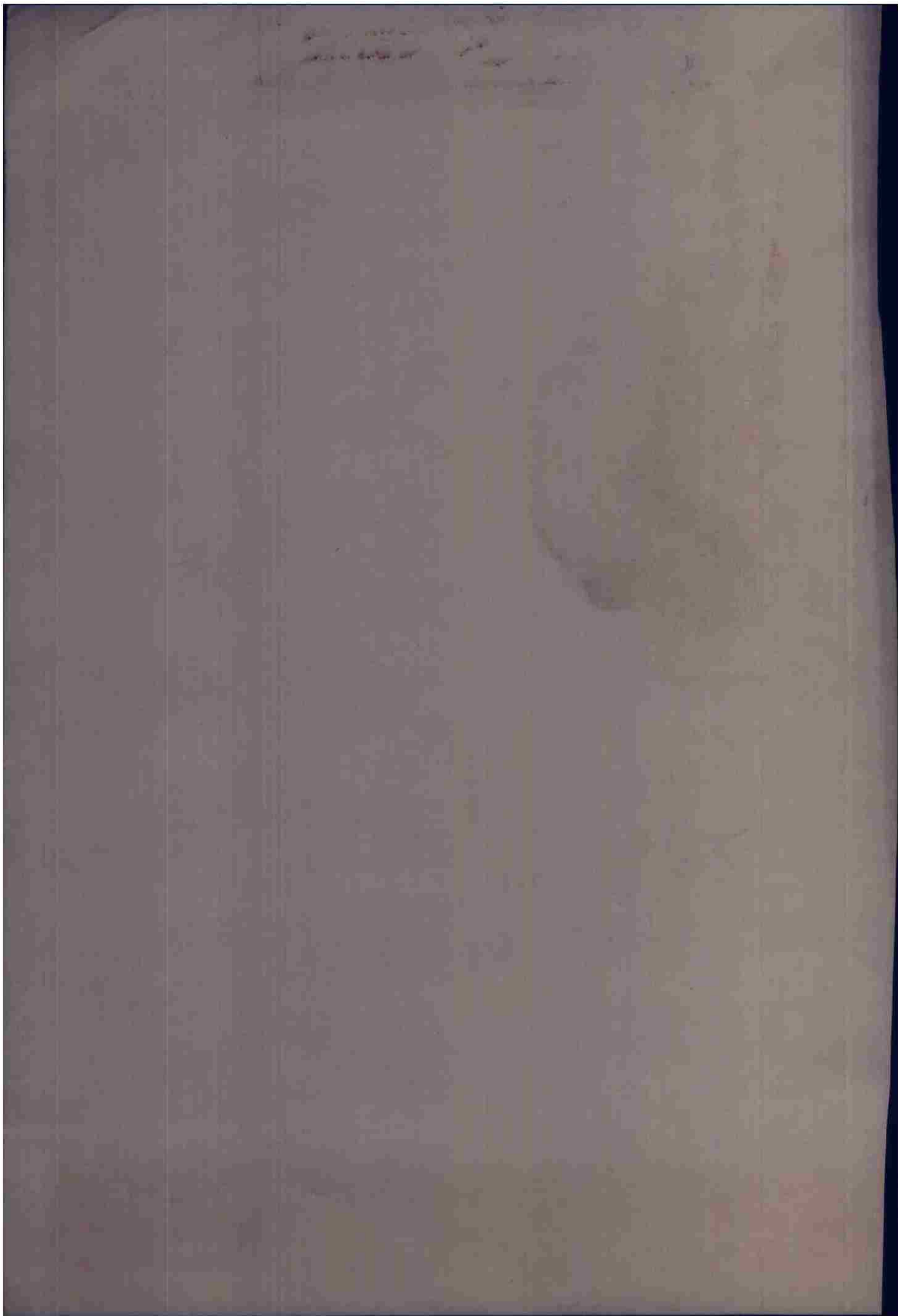
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BRIEFING OFFICER CAPT. LURIA.

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HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Order #789

APO # 140
13 March 1945*Mission Tolson*
#233
MISSION SUMMARY #72

(Morning Missions)

Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
387 BG:	Westerburg (G-164179) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
397 BG:	Westerburg (G-164179) Marshalling Yard	Undet. (FFF)
410 BG:	Grunberg/Nord (G-867227) Railway Sidings	Undet. (FFF)
322 BG:	Grunberg/Nord (G-867227) Railway Sidings	Undet. (FFF)
394 BG:	Rheine (V-755105) Airfield	Box I, Unsat. (FFF) Box II, Flight A - No Attack Flight B - Unsat. (AMPI) Flight C - No Attack
416	Rheine (V-755105) Airfield	Undet. (FFF)
386 BG:	Rheine (V-755105) Airfield	Box I Unsat. (FFF) Box II N.A.O. (FFF Gee)
344 BG:	Rheine (V-755105) Airfield	Box I N.A.O. (Gee) Box II N.A.O.
391 BG:	Rheine (V-755105) Airfield	Box I N.A.O. (Gee) Box II N.A.O.

In order to eliminate confusion, only one date will appear on this and all future Mission Summaries; namely, the date on which the missions took place.

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GROUP NARRATIVE

S E G R E T

Eight groups attacked a marshalling yard, an airfield, and railway sidings. A ninth group bombed its pre-identified secondary target. Unsettled factory to undetermined results were recorded.

Westbourne (Marshalling Yard)

387 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 34 dropping 511 X 250, 8 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c. No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called Ripras 2 minutes after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,500 - 13,000 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

397 BG: 37 a/c dispatched (including 1 FFF), 34 dropping 528 X 250, 4 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c. No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called Ripras and obtained desired fix 10 minutes after entering tactical area.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,500 to 13,500 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Grubbers/Ward (Railway Sidings)

410 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (38 A-20, 3 B-26, 2 FFF); 40 (38 A-20, 2 FFF), dropping 236 X 500 GP on Primary. 3 B-26 a/c carried window. No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called Ripras 2 minutes after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,800 - 13,000 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

322 BG: 35 a/c dispatched (including 2 FFF), 31 dropping 239 X 500 GP on Primary. 1 window a/c dropped 7 X 500 GP visually at Dillenberg (Q-380375), due to gas malfunction at briefed window target. 3 a/c failed to bomb: 1 mechanical failure; 2, other (2 window a/c could not get in formation in time to bomb when lead window a/c dropped visually).

No losses, damage, casualties.

FFF called Ripras 2 minutes after entering tactical area and obtained desired fix.

Bombing by boxes on FFF lead from 12,600 - 13,200 feet.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover. Window a/c reports hits in center of town attacked.

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S E C R E T

Rheine (Airfield)

394 BG: 36 a/c dispatched (including 2 PFF), 18 dropping 476 x 100 GP, 4 x 500 GP on Primary. 4 a/c dropped 112 x 100 GP on Other target. 3 window a/c.

11 a/c failed to bomb: 10 (including 1 PFF), weather; 1, mechanical failure.

2 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

PFF did not attempt to obtain fix because operations were within 2nd TAF area.

Bombing by Box I on PFF lead from 13,500 - 14,000 feet, Flight B, Box II bombed visually from 10,000 feet.

Box I - PFF - UNSATISFACTORY. All bombs outside 1000' radius of DMPI. Pattern is centered approximately 2400' SE of DMPI. Bursts cover road, dispersal area, and landing strip. Poor quality prints prevent further interpretation.

Box II - Flts. A & C - NO ATTACK. Icing conditions and clouds scattered formation. PFF leading box abandoned operations 25 miles before reaching Waiting Point, and these two flights also turned back without bombing.

Flight B - AMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. This flight became separated from formation in clouds. After obtaining fix from Parade, indicating he was over enemy territory, bombardier selected a road and rail junction at V-123206, 42 miles NW of Primary, for visual attack. All bombs outside 1000' radius of AMPI. Pattern is centered approximately 6000' N of AMPI. Bombs fell in open fields with probable hits to small roads. Clouds did not permit sufficient time for accurate synchronization.

416 BG: 43 a/c dispatched (41 A-26, 2 PFF); 40 dropping 831 x 100, 8 x 500 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c crash-landed at Laon/Couvron when wheels would not extend, for reason unknown.

6 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

PFF did not attempt to obtain fix since operations were within 2nd TAF area.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 8,700 - 9,600 feet. Clouds necessitated bombing from this altitude.

No photo coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

386 BG: 34 a/c dispatched (32 A-26, 2 PFF), all dropping 704 x 100, 8 x 500 GP on Primary.

3 a/c flak battle-damaged; no losses, casualties.

PFF did not attempt to obtain fix since operations were within 2nd TAF area.

Bombing by boxes on PFF lead from 11,300 - 11,700 feet.

Box I - PFF - UNSATISFACTORY. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Burst occur in fairly concentrated pattern 1-3/4 miles SE of DMPI. Majority of bombs in fields with several possible hits or near misses to houses in the area. No military damage apparent.

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Box I & II - N.A.O. (GEE). Formation was 4 minutes late on course to first check point because of weather. HFF shortened course to intercept beam. At this time group requested lead for visual run. Since cloud cover was 6-8/10, HFF asked for verification of this request and received affirmative reply. Group leader took over and HFF fell into formation. When group leader determined sighting operation was impossible due to cloud cover, he requested HFF to take over for second run. HFF made 360° turn to intercept beam, group following. However, when HFF arrived at check point he was 3/4 mile N of targeted bomb run and 23 minutes late for EIA at target. When tail gunner reported to HFF pilot that group was bombing, HFF abandoned operations. Interrogation reveals that group leader, uncertain of HFF intentions, and having determined his position by GEE fix, released his bombs. Box II dropped on Box I. No photographic coverage or visual observation of results due to cloud cover.

Bombing by boxes on group lead from 15,000 feet. Cloud cover necessitated bombing from this altitude.

HFF did not attempt to obtain fix since operations were within 2nd TAF area. No losses, damage, casualties.

HFF did not attempt to obtain fix since operations were within 2nd TAF area to receive release signal, so HFF abandoned operations.

Group took over for visual run; no sighting operation possible so formation made 360° turn for second run on HFF. Too late and too far off course to bomb; 6, weather; 1, mechanical failure; 1 (HFF), other 8 a/c failed to bomb.

37 a/c dispatched (including 1 HFF), 28 dropping 760 x 100 GP on primary, 2 a/c (including 1 which released 7 x 100 GP at primary) dropped 49 x 100 GP at Stettin (4-438778), 29 miles SW of primary.

391 BG:

Box I & II - N.A.O. (GEE). HFF reports that group elected to bomb visually. Group reports that it did not make rendezvous with HFF and, since cloud cover prevented visual bombing at primary, briefed secondary target (Stettin - 4-438778) was attacked on GEE. Box II dropped on Box I because of GEE jamming. Bursts appear in two concentrations 4 miles N of target. Bombs fell near trench system, across several roads, and in woods. 2 HFF a/c dropped at ground (4-230830), 36 miles SW of primary.

Bombing by boxes on group lead from 8,000 - 9,000 feet. Clouds necessitated bombing from this altitude.

HFF did not attempt to obtain fix since operations were within 2nd TAF area. No losses, damage, casualties.

HFF did not attempt to obtain fix since operations were within 2nd TAF area on other target.

37 a/c dispatched (including 2 HFF); none bombed primary. 35 a/c dropped 978 x 100 GP on briefed secondary target. 2 HFF a/c dropped 8 x 500 GP

377 BG:

Box II - N.A.O. (HFF GEE). HFF did not receive release signal and dropped on GEE. Complete bomb pattern cannot be seen on photos. However that part of bursts which can be seen is 3600' west of DMPI in fields. No apparent military damage.

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Section II

A/C OFF:		339
A/C Bombing	302	
A/C Failing to Bomb	6	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	16	
Other (Window)	15	
TOTAL		339

Bombs on Enemy Territory		455.875
Total Bombs to Date		123,915.505

A/C Lost	0	
A/C Missing	0	
A/C Crash-Landed (416 BG)	1	
A/C Battle Damaged	11	3.27%
Killed	0	
Wounded	0	
Missing	0	
Injured	0	
Claims	0	

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GROUP	PERCENT	NO.	PERSONNEL FAILURES
397	100%	0	0
386	100%	0	0
377	100%	0	0

S/A PHOTO REPORT

391 BG: 10/10 stratosphere top 15,000 ft. Visibility 6 plus miles.

377 BG: 8/10 stratosphere, top 4000 ft. 8/10 altocumulus base 10,500 ft. Visibility 10 miles between layers.

386 BG: 3/10 - 5/10 top 5000 ft. 5/10 altocumulus base 17,000 ft. Visibility 1-2 miles up sun, 5 miles down sun.

416 BG: 6-7/10 medium cloud tops 13,000 base 10,000. Patchy 2-3/10 stratus estimated 5000 ft. Visibility unlimited between layers, 1 1/2 miles air to ground in haze.

394 BG: 7/10 stratosphere in layers to 7000 ft. Visibility 1 mile in moderate haze. Visibility aloft air to air 5-7 miles.

322 BG: 10/10 stratosphere tops 6000 ft. Unlimited visibility above cloud.

410 BG: 10/10 stratosphere tops 7000 ft. Visibility unlimited air to air.

397 BG: 10/10 stratosphere, 6-7000 tops 2500 ft. base. 3/10 altocumulus top 17,000 ft. Visibility above cloud 8-10 miles.

387 BG: 10/10 stratosphere, top 4000 ft. 3/10 altocumulus, 16,000 ft. Visibility unlimited above cloud.

Rheline

Gumbers/Nord

WEATHER: Westerbury

OBSERVATIONS

391

394

322

GROUP NO. A/C CLASSIFICATION REASON

1 (HF) Other Group took over for visual run. No sighting operation possible so group turned over lead to RM, but formation was off course and 23 minutes late. RM then abandoned operations.

1 Mechanical Electrical malfunction.

1 Mechanical Runway prop.

2 Other 2 window a/c could not get into formation in time to release on lead window a/c when he made visual run.

1 Mechanical Low oil pressure.

FAILURES TO BOMB

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FLAK ANALYSIS ANNEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	336
A/C LOST TO FLAK	0
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	11
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	3.27%

<u>Westerburg M/Y</u>	<u>387, 397 Gp.</u>
<u>Crumbach/Nord Railway Sidings</u>	<u>410, 322 Gp.</u>

A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	0
% A/C Battle Damaged	0

Flak was not encountered enroute or at the targets.

<u>Rhine Airfield</u>	<u>394, 416, 386, 344, 391 Gp.</u>
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A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	11
% A/C Battle Damaged	5.94%

Two groups (386 and 416) reported weak to moderate accurate heavy flak just after the turn off target. 8 heavy guns are within range of the target. The 391 Gp. encountered weak accurate heavy flak enroute at Wesel (A-2241). 15 heavy guns are plotted, but probably only one 4 gun position was in action. The 386 Gp. also encountered heavy flak that was weak accurate enroute out at Gosholt (A-0962). The 416 Gp. reported some heavy flak at Dornick (A-1258). 4 heavy guns are plotted at this point. the 394 Gp. encountered weak but accurate heavy flak at Burgsleinfurt (A-7394). No defenses are plotted, but it is probable that the enemy has relocated some of his guns at this point. All flak, except that experienced by the 386 Gp., was fired through 8-10/10 cloud. The 386 Gp. reported 3-5/10 cloud.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T's: 1038 to 1214
1315 to 1432

The 344th Group observed Spitfires chasing four Me 109's near Groenlo (A-232833) at 1350 hours while on return route.

313
Mission Y 22-13 March 1944 (AM)

Two boxes of aircraft were left in the vicinity of the
lighter aircraft at the time. Two of the planes in the formation
which had two planes of attack formation of the weather in the
East area. These were and because of large clouds toward the
then to attack on the 22nd plane. Grews reported seeing only two
orders on the field from previous formations, but one plane was
unobserved, however, because of the cloud cover. There was no activity
reported on the aircraft.

When the 22nd plane flew a minute past one of his turning points,
and led the formation over the line, some were in formation and
thrown up at the plane. Later, on the turn-off the target, more were
in formation and followed the formation. Two planes suffered damage
in battle damage. One plane has not landed as yet, and information is
still lacking on this.

There were no enemy planes sighted. Sightings recorded the
formation.

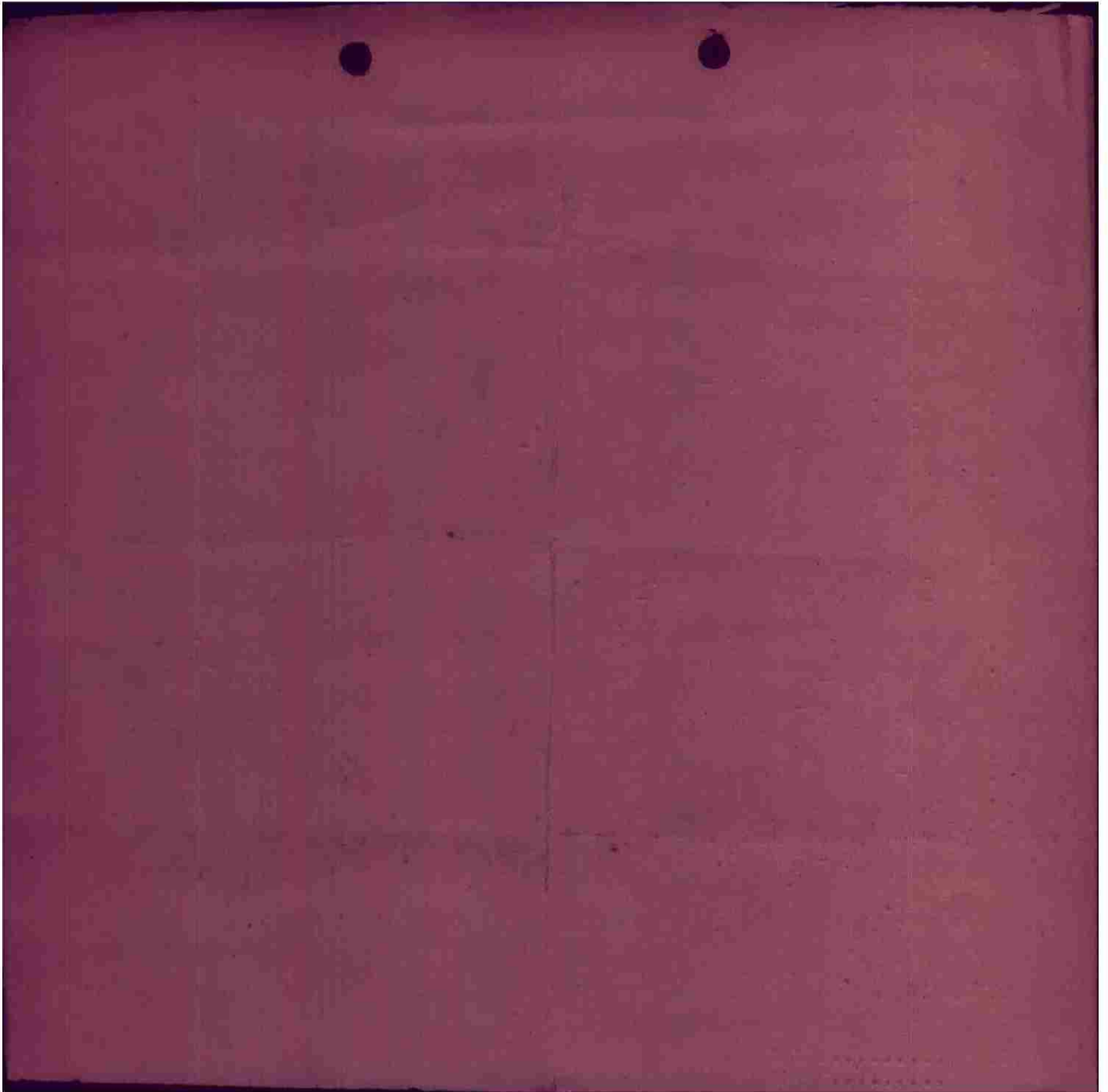
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 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 13/1625A
 TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
 CG, 97TH COMBAT WING ATTN: A-2
 CONFIDENTIAL BT

416BG R-268-D
 OPSFLASH 13 MARCH 1945

- A. 416 BOMB GROUP
- B. RHINE AIRFIELD X (V-755185)
- C. 41 A-26'S
- D. 37 A-26'S ATTACKED PRIMARY ON PRF. INFORMATION LACKING FROM
 1 A-26 CRASH LANDED AT A-78.
- E. 3 A/C CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
- F. 831 X 160 GP ON PRIMARY
 5 X 100 GP RETURNED.
 INFORMATION LACKING FROM A/C CRASH. EN LANDED AT A-78.
- G. UNOBSERVED DUE TO HAZE AND CLOUD.
- H. 5 A-26'S DAMAGED BY FLAK. CAT. "A"
 1 A-26 CRASH LANDED AT A-78 UPON RETURN FROM MISSION. WHEELS
 WOULD NOT EXTEND. DAMAGE CATEGORY UNKNOWN.
- I. INFORMATION LACKING FROM PERSONNEL IN A/C CRASH LANDED AT A-78.
- J. TARGET: MODERATE ACCURATE MTF AFTER TURN OFF TARGET, TO RP.
 ELSEWHERE: X WEAK INACCURATE MTF FROM VICINITY OF DORNICK
 (A-120580) WHILE MAKING WIDE CIRCLE AT PR AND AGAIN
 UPON CROSSING BOMBLINE AT DORNICK ON COURSE TO TARGET.
- K. NIL
- L. 9690 - 8700
- M. 1213
- N. SNOWBALL FLAK PHENOMENON OBSERVED.
 TWO (2) VERY LARGE POSSIBLE XENE STORAGE TANKS OBSERVED AT
 DEMEKAMP (V-510200). CAMOUFLAGED APPEARANCE.
 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC OBSERVED ON HIGHWAYS BETWEEN PRF IP AND TAREXXX
 TARGET.
 FIVE (5) BARGES OBSERVED IN CANAL NEAR IP AT 1201 HOURS.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
 BT 13/1625A
 RSS XR BBBB

ITA R.....1316"5A REY KKKKKK
 JEA R.....13/1625A LEG KKKK



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 15/ OP OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 13/1635A
TO CG, 9TH BOMB DIVISION ATT: A-2
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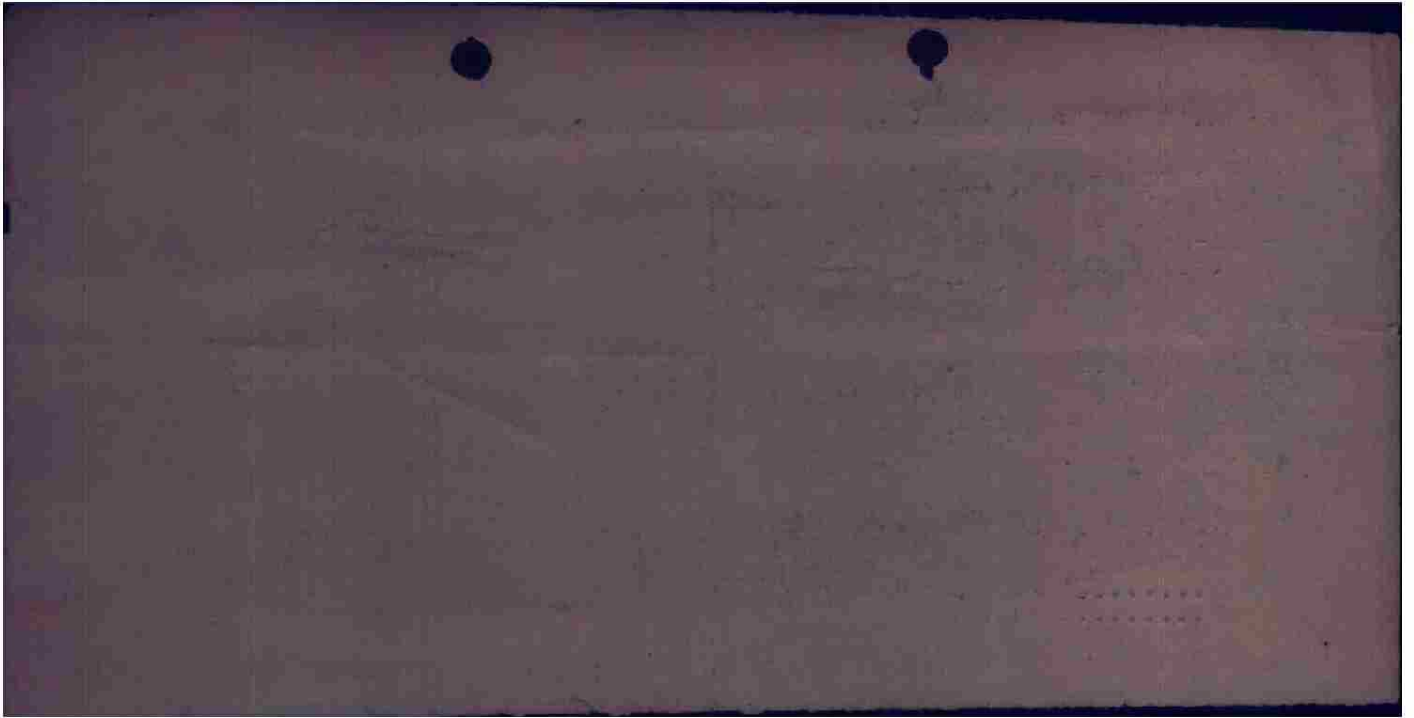
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ANNEX TO OPFLASH FOR MORNING MISSION FOR 13 MARCH 1945.

A/C REPORTED IN ORIGINAL OPFLASH TO HAVE CRASH LANDED AT A-70
DROPPED 22X 100 GP ON R PRIMARY. ALSO SUFFERED CATEGORY "A" FLAK
DAMAGE AT KKT TARGET. CRASHED BECAUSE MAIN GEAR WOULD NOT EXTEND.
CRASH DAMAGE BELIEVED TO BE CATEGORY "B". NO PERSONNEL INJURIES.

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 13/1635A
RSS BBE

BBE TO ITA ONLY

ITA R.....13/1652A JP KKKK
JEA R.....13/1650A SS AR



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 14/14 P-P
T- ITA PASS TO ADDRESSEES

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 14/1626
TO COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH AIR FORCE
COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
COMMANDING GENERAL, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)
COMMANDING GENERAL, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

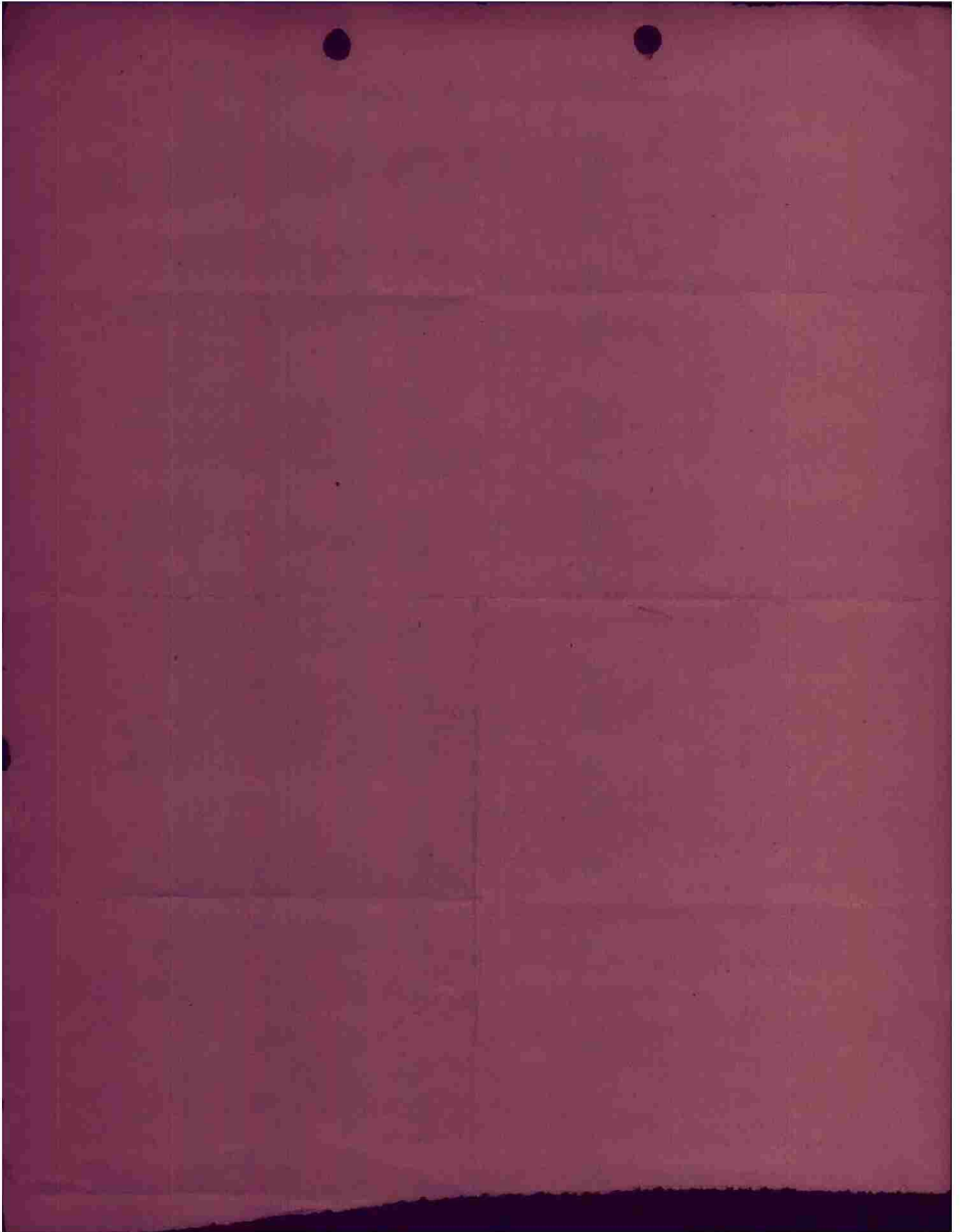
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CONFIDENTIAL 416 BG R-294-E 14 MARCH 1945
IN COMPLIANCE WITH USSTAF REGULATION 62-1, 26 FEBRUARY 1945, THE
FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

- A. 13 MARCH 1945, STATION A-70
- B. A-26B-15 43-22344, 416 BOMB GROUP (L), 669 BOMB SQDN (L),
NINTH AIR FORCE, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), 97TH COMBAT BOMB
WING (L), UNDERSIDE OF FUSELAGE SKINNED, BOTH PROPS BENT,
BOTH ENGINES SUDDEN STOPPAGE, TURNED OVER TO 43RD AIR DEPOT
GROUP FOR REPAIR.
- C. PILOT: CLYDE S. JORDAN, 0672122, 1ST LT, AUS, NINTH AF, 9TH
BOMB DIV. (M), 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L), 416 BOMGR, 669 BOMRON,
STATION A-69, NO INJURY.
- D. STATION A-69
- E. GUNNER, KENNETH F. JENSEN, 18664964, S/SGT, 9TH BOMB DIV (M),
416 BOMGR, 669 BOMB SQUADRON, NO INJURY. OBSERVER, EDWIN E.
BALTON, 14019733, S/SGT, II ARMORED DIVISION, NO INJURY
- F. LANDING ACCIDENT. BELLY LANDING DUE TO FAILURE OF BOTH MAIN
GEARS TO EXTEND. PILOT WAS UNABLE TO EXTEND MAIN GEAR ON RETURN
FROM MISSION, ALTHOUGH VARIOUS EMERGENCY PROCEDURES WERE TRIED.
IT WAS DECIDED THAT A BELLY LANDING WOULD BE MADE AT STATION A-70.
- G. MATERIEL FAILURE UNDETERMINED. STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.
- H. NONE
- I. LOCAL
- J. COMBAT
- K. NO CLOUDS. VISIBILITY 4-5 MILES
- L. NONE

AYLENWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 14/1626A

FD AS BBB
JEA R.....14/1745A F K KKKK
ITA R.....141745A CJD K



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 7/14 P P

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 13/1630A

TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION ATTN: A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH WING ATTN: A-2 DUTY OFFICER

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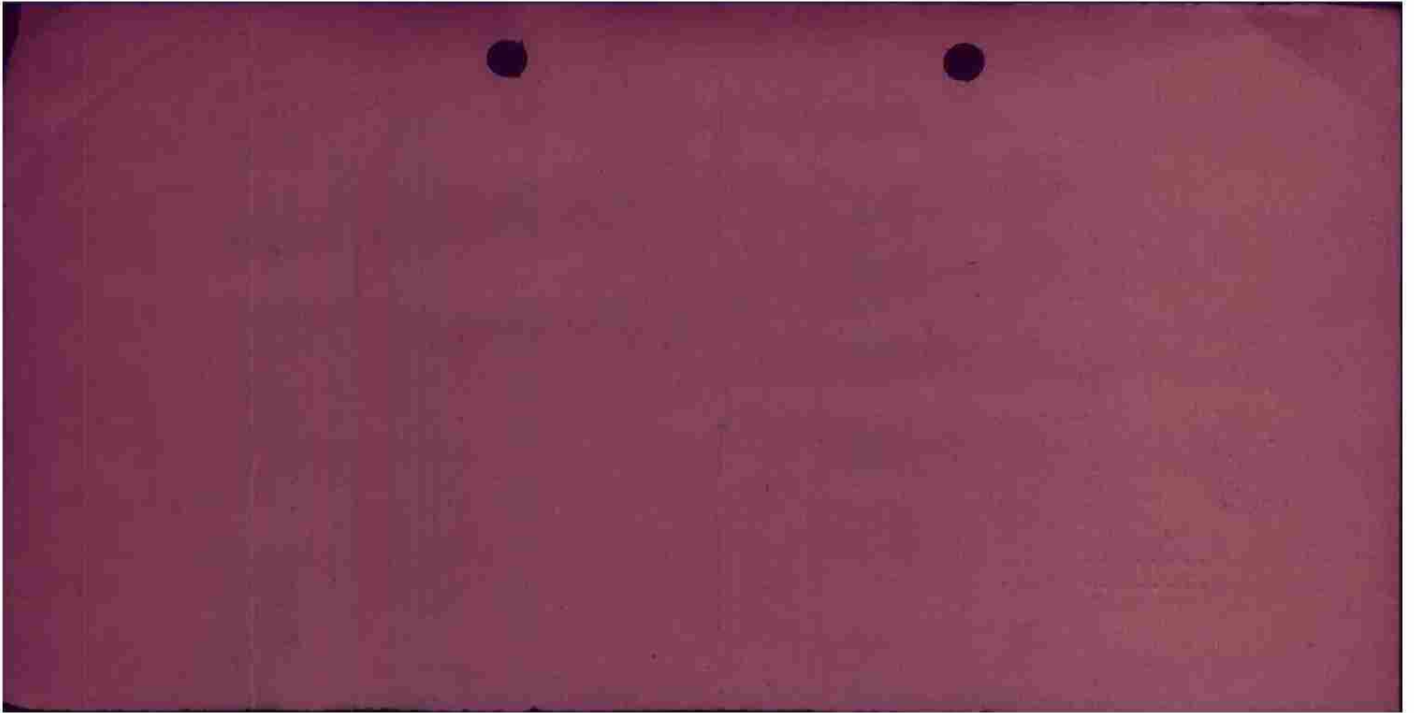
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B. RHEINE AIRFIELD

J. NO PHOTOS DUE TO CLOUD COVER.

BT 1630A
WFG AR

ITA R.....14/1630A EG AR
JEA R.....14/1630A LEG AR



JEA V JKI JKI 17/13 OP OP
FROM 416 BOMB GROUP 13/1635A
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: A-2
BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416 BG R-273-D
(MORNING MISSION)

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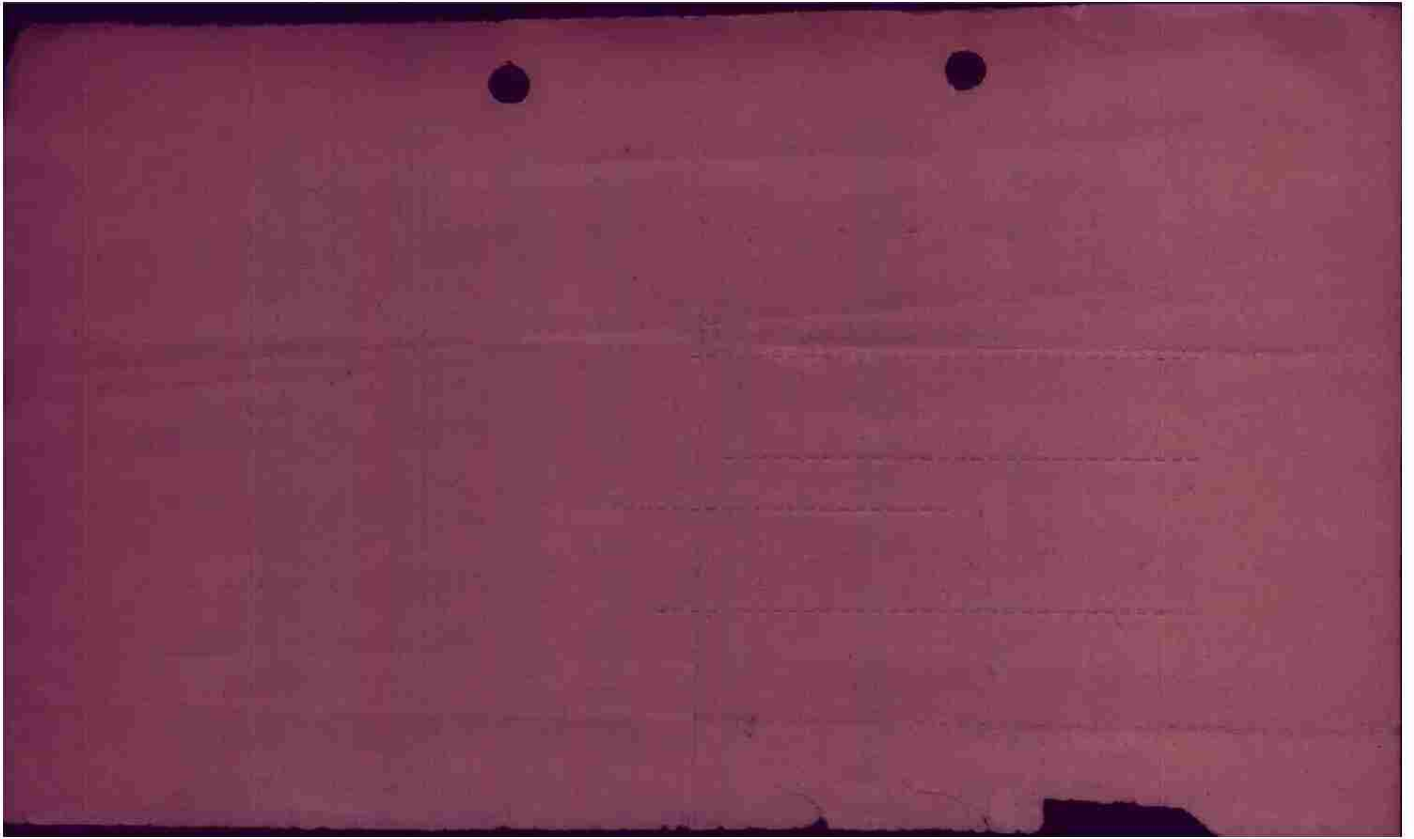
2. IF PLAN "B" IS USED AND BOMBING IS VISUAL THE MPI WILL BE:
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THE PFF MPI IS GRID COORD. 75371153.

3. IN THE EVENT THE PRIMARY CANNOT BE ATTACKED ~~XXXXXXXX~~
STAIDTLOHN (COM. CENTER) A-435773 IS THE SECONDARY M.P.I. .

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WN AS AE
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JEA R.....13/1823A RL AR
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COBOMCF 410
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5. COMMUNICATIONS

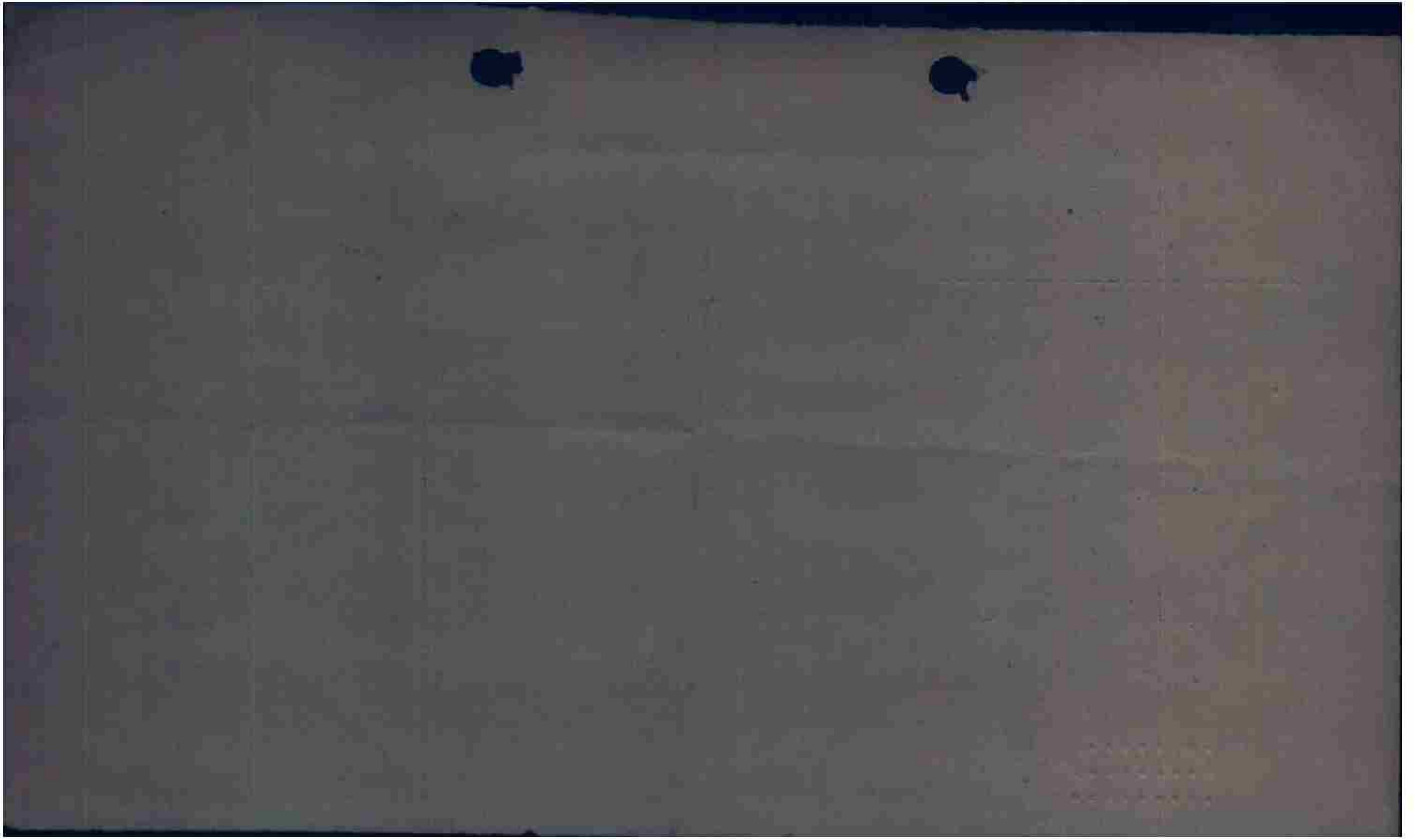
- A. 410TH BOMB GROUP (867227)
 - (2) LAFEGORK
 - (3) JUDITH
 - (4) RIPSAN

- B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (755105)
 - (2) OSKLEAF
 - (5) ROSELEE (IF NO CONTACT, CALL KENWAY ON C/C)

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BT 13/0028A
AR CES

JPC R.....13/000038A	GEN	KKK
JKI R.....13/0038A	JF	KK
ITA R.....13/0038	BIRD	KKK

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TO COMBOMDIV IX
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQDN.
COBOMGT 416

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97CBW R-125-E

INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FIELD ORDER NO. 202-769

PLAN "A" AND "B"

1. TARGET: RHEINE AIRFIELD (V-755105-CU 4203) (NORTH DISPERSAL AREA)
TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE: THIS FIELD IS ONE OF NINE SATISFACTORY
JET OPERATED FIELDS IN N.W. GERMANY. IT HAS THE LONGEST RUNWAYS,
THE NE-SW RUNWAY BEING 1950 YARDS LONG WITH AN EXTENDING GRASS
STRIP MAKING A TOTAL OF 2500 YARDS. THIS FIELD HAS SHOWN A GREAT
DEAL OF ACTIVITY RECENTLY. FOUR OTHER GROUPS OF THE IX BOMB
DIVISION WILL BE ON THIS TARGET.

2. MAP COVERAGE:
GSGS 4414 SHEET 3610-ZE 3710
GSGS 4416 SHEET N-2

PHOTO COVERAGE:
3/AIR/214/4 AND 6
106G/1296 PRINTS 5104, 5105, 4104, 4105

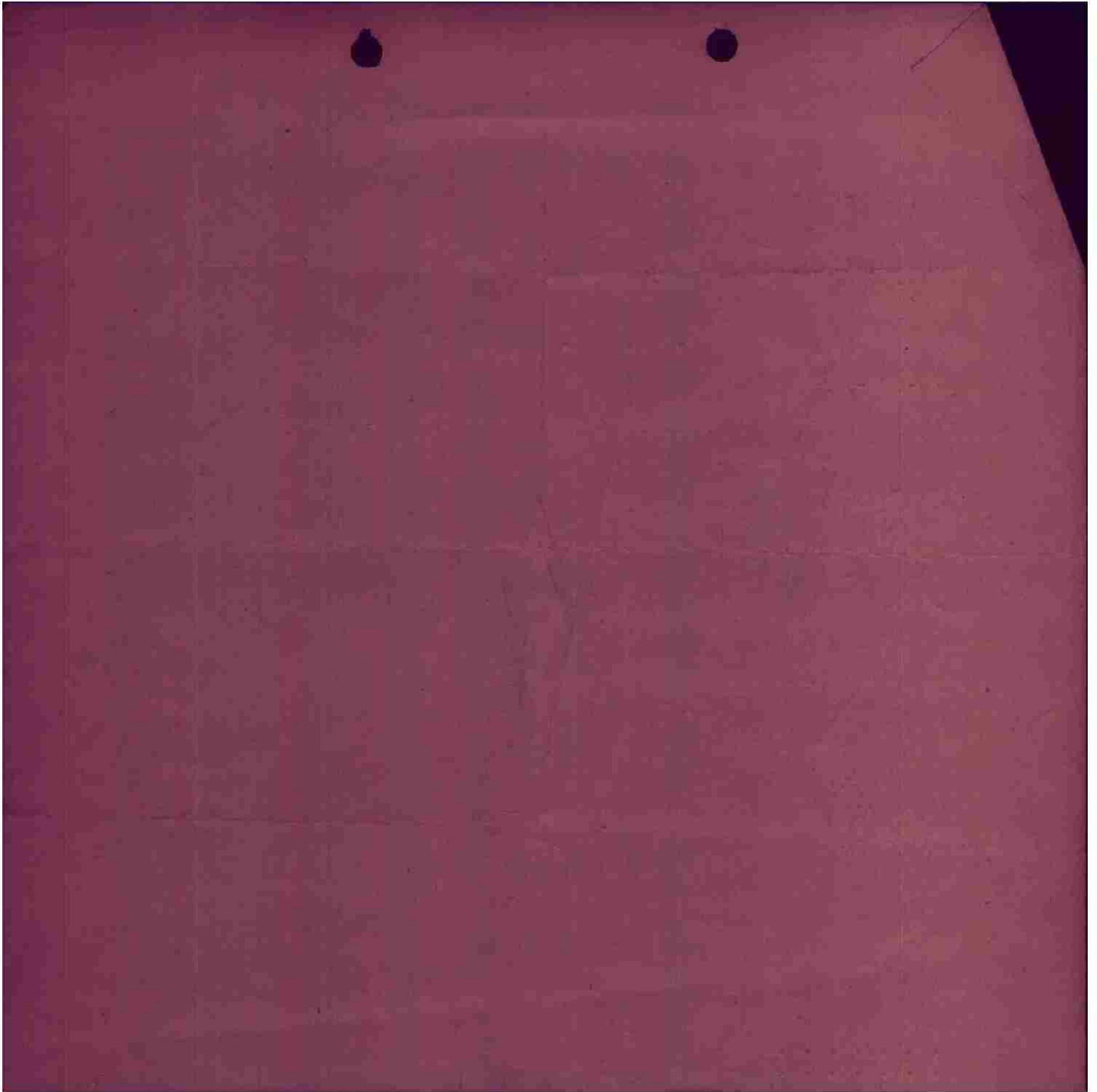
3. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE

4. PLAN: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.

COMBETWIC 97

BT 13/0002A
LCE AR

ITA R. 13/0049 BIRD AR.
JKI R. 13/0049A JF AR



ITA JES JKI JPO JJF V JEA JEA 09/13 OP OP
T (ITA T JJF)

FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0917A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409 (INFO), 410, 416
1ST PROV. PATHFINDER SQDN.

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ANNEX NO. 4 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 202-789

CANCEL PLAN "A".

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

3. B. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT
13,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 108 MINUTES.

3. B. (12) ON PLAN "B"
(12) T.O.T.: ZERO HOUR PLUS 135 MINUTES.

OMIT PARAGRAPH 3. B. (17) ON PLAN "B".

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BT 13/0917A
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ITA R.....13/0946A
JES R 13/0946A
JES AGN PLS 13/0946A
JKI R 13/0946A
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T (ITA T JJF)

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0800A
TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGPS 409(INFO), 410, 416
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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 202-789

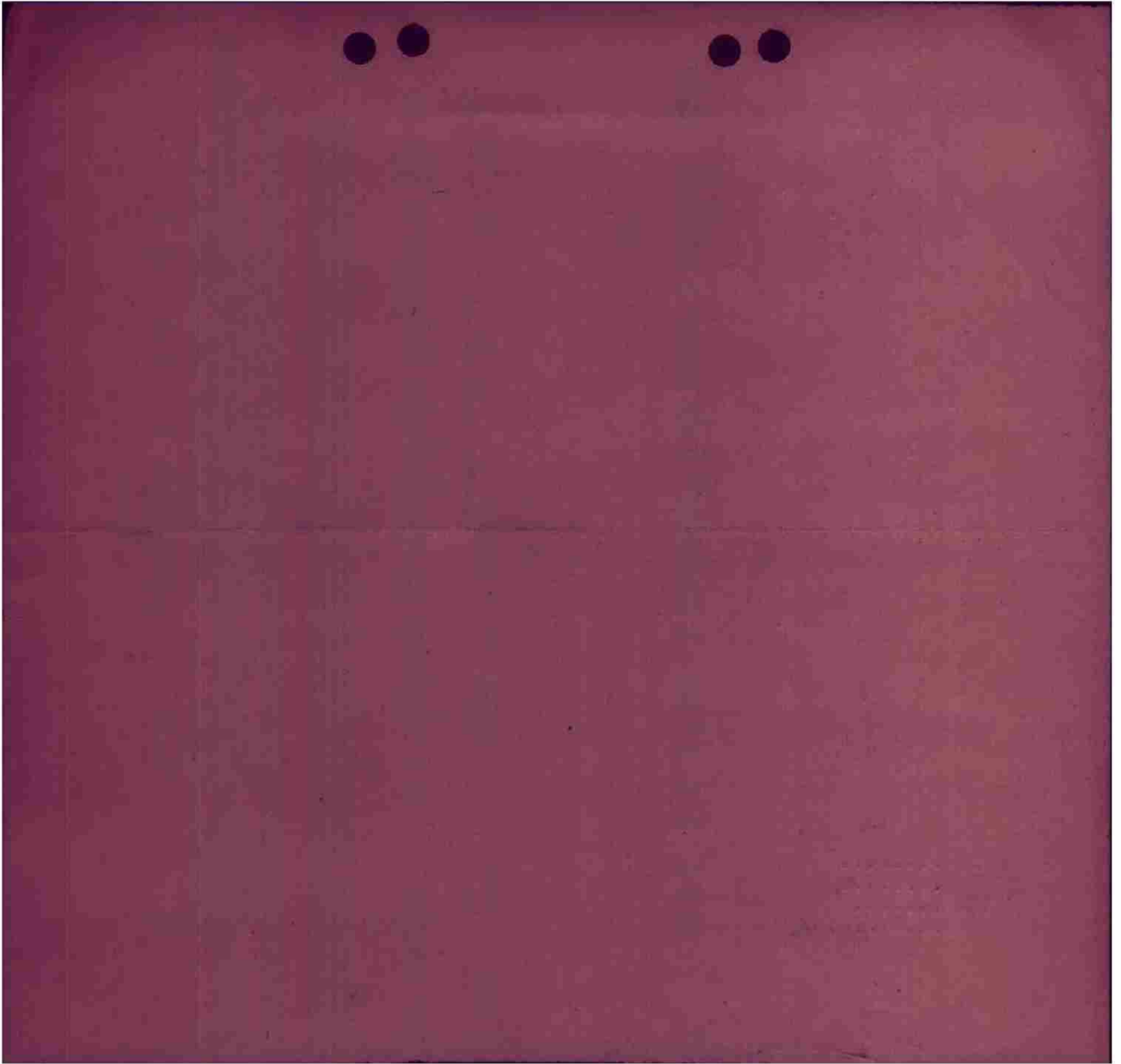
CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO READ:

- 3. B. (3) ON PLAN "A"
(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 48 MIN.
- 3. B. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD.
WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO PLUS 48 MIN.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR FOR THE 410TH GROUP TO READ 13/1140A

COMCBTWIG 97

BT 13/0800A
AR
SS
ITA R 130820A AL AR
JES R 13/0820A EB AR
JKI R 13/0820A DM AR
JPO R..... 13/0820A DB AR
T



ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 7/13 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0600A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
COBOMGP 410
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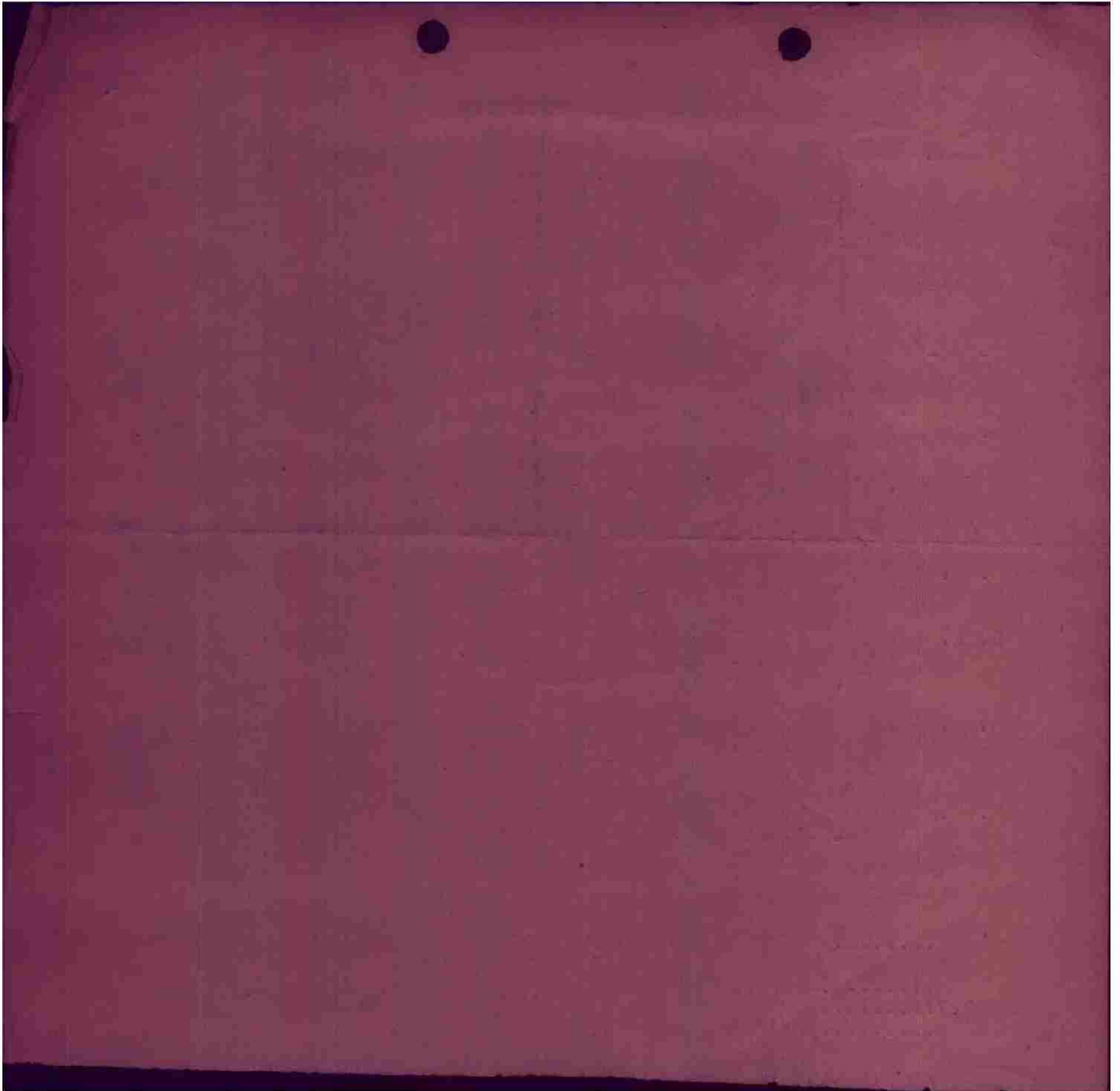
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CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS TO READ :

- 3. B. (3) ON PLAN "A"
(3) WITH FIGHTER AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FT AT ZERO PLUS 52 MIN.
- 3. A. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. OVER THE FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 43 MIN.
- 3. B. (3) ON PLAN "B"
(3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FT AT ZERO PLUS 52 MIN.
- 3. B. (12) ON PLAN "B"
(12) T.O.T. ZERO PLUS 75 MIN.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 13/0600A
CES AR
ITA R.....13/0622A DC AR
JES R.....19/13/0622A JAB AR
JPO R.....19/13/0622A CEN AR
JKI R.....13/1622A JF AR

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ITA JJF JES JPO JKI V JEA JEA 5/13 OP OP
T (ITA PASS TO JJF)

13 March
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0315A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE
COBOMGP 409 (INFO)
COBOMGP 410
COBOMGP 416
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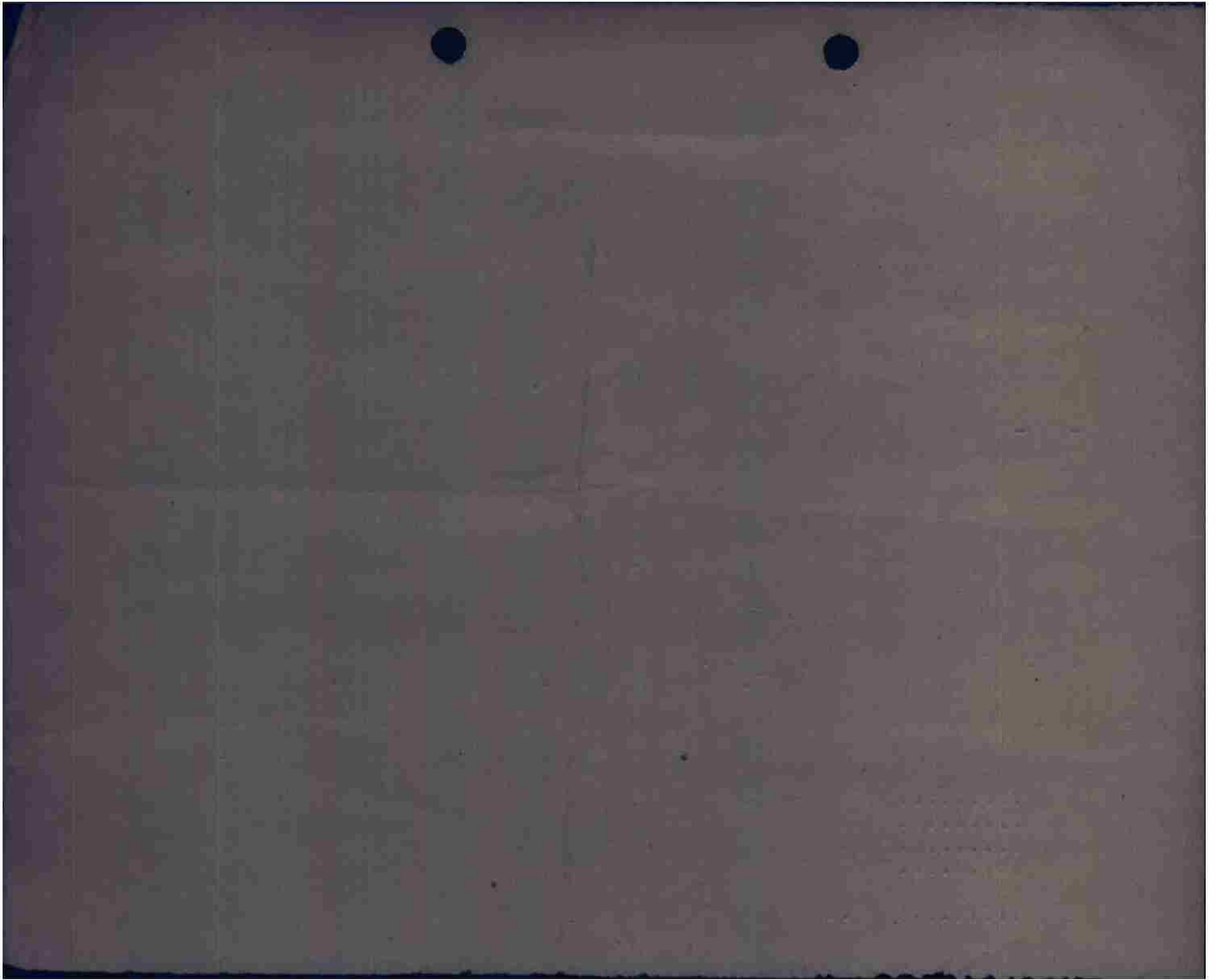
ANNEX NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.202-789

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3. B. (6) ON PLAN "A" TO READ :

3. B. (6) BOMB AT 13,500 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT
BELOW 8,000 FT. DROP 1,000FT. AFTER BOMBING.

COMCBTWIG 97
BT 13/0315A

CES AR
ITA R.....130331A JLPOPP AR
NES R.....1303ASPKV
JPO R.....13/0331A CEN AR
JKI R.....13/0331A JF AR
JES R.....IMI....



JES JPO JKI VIA J... V ITA MAY 73/12 R R

FROM AIR MINISTRY WHITEHALL 121617A
TO NEUGRIP LIST

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13 March
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SAT

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WEBBER W2297B 12TH. MARCH. SECRET. NEUGRIP
(S.D.533) AMENDMENT SIGNAL NO. 96. APPENDIX G.
INSERT 'RHEINBERG AREA (BY NIGHT AND UP TO SIXTEEN
THOUSAND FEET ONLY). THE AREA ENCLOSED WITHIN A CIRCLE
OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND YARDS FROM CENTRE OF RHEINBERG (BRID
THREE-A.2228)'. APPENDIX 'N'. MARK RHEINBERG
AREA ON MAP AS DETAILED ABOVE

BT 121617A

RELAYED BY CES BBBBB

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JAB K

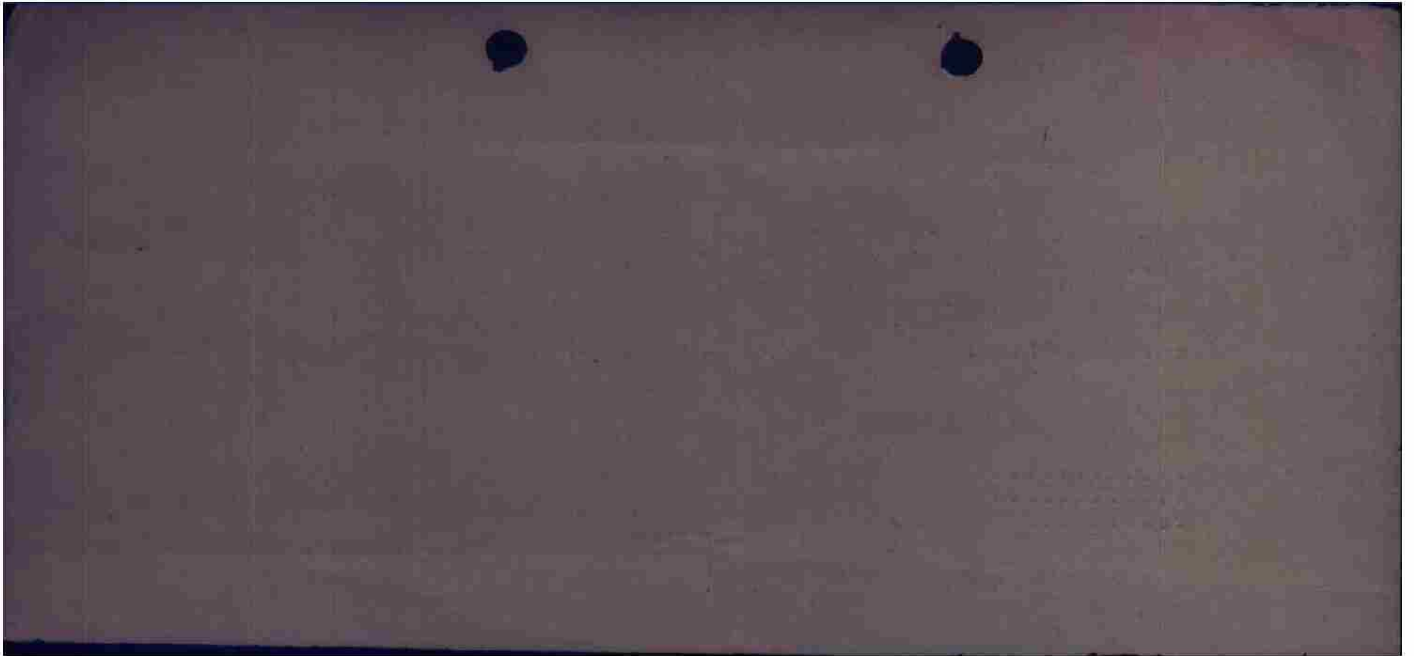
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CEN KKK

JKI R.....13/0512A

JF KK

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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/0240A
TO COMBOWING NMTF
CCBOWNG 409 (INFO.)
CCBOWNG 410
CCBOWNG 416
1ST PROV PATHFINDER SQDN

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY RT
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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
AEC 14W
13 MARCH 1945

FIELD ORDER NO. 222-709

MAPS : NORMAL

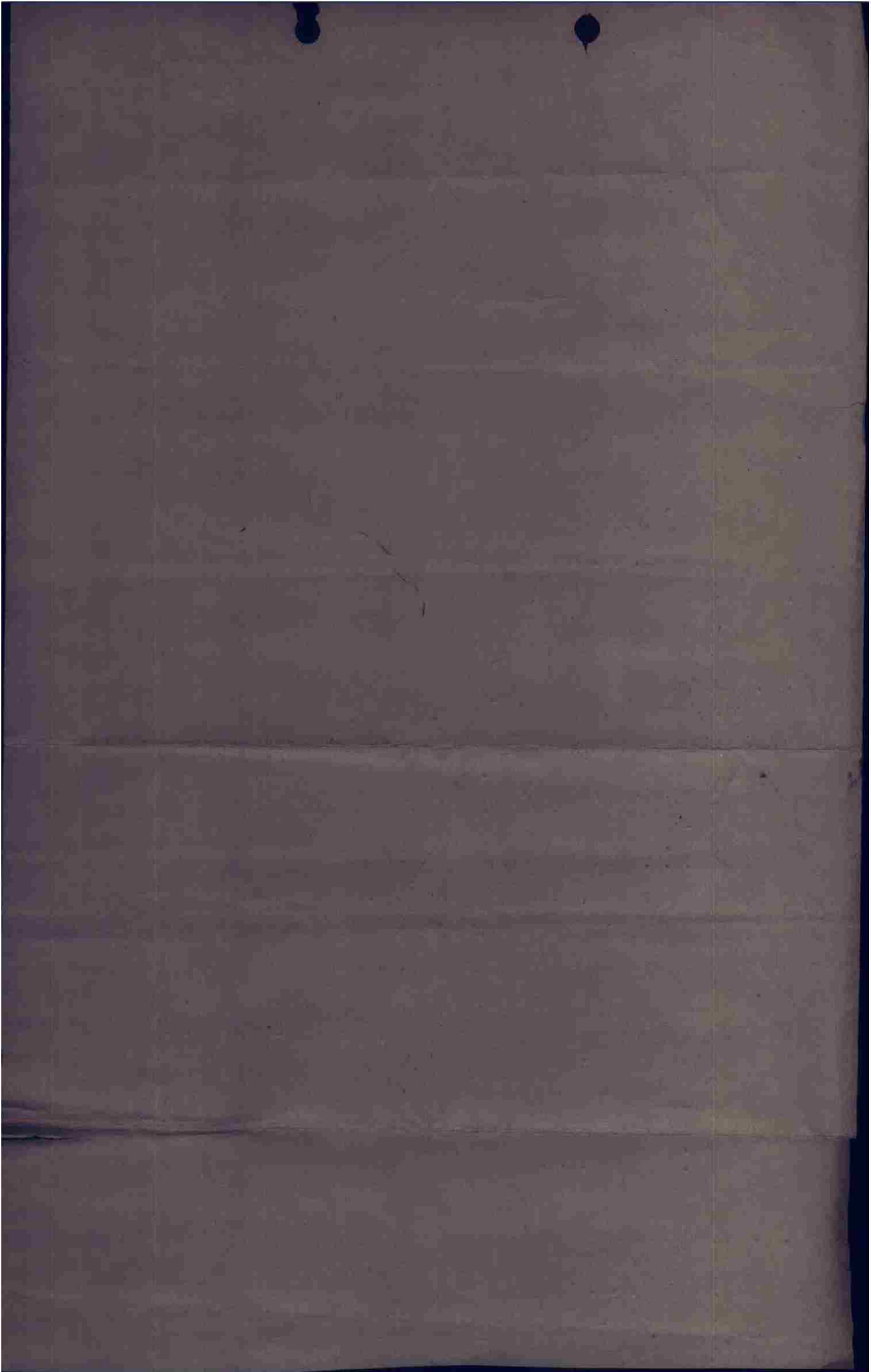
1. D. (1) REF. CURRENT BOMBLINE
(2) 2ND T.A.F. WILL FURNISH SPITFIRE CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH GROUP.
19TH T.A.C. WILL FURNISH CLOSE ESCORT FOR THE 416TH GROUP.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN GERMANY.

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 13/1088A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 13/1020A

3. D. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (1) RHINE - AIRFIELD (V-755105)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING BY BOXES.
 - (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 12 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO E-9143 TO W-2383 TO I.P.F. TO TARGET.
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
 - (6) BOMB AT 13,000 FT. OR BELOW THE CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 8,000 FT. DROP 1000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
 - (7) A-6494
 - (8) GEN. SW TO NE
 - (9) M.P.F. ILL. 3/AIR/214/6 REF. 861037
INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FT.
 - (10) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSER 1/10 SEC. ROSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
 - (11) A-6494
 - (12) PARADE WILL INSTRUCT GROUP LEADER BEFORE BOMBLINE IS REACHED WHETHER TO PROCEED ON VISUAL OR PATHFINDER ROUTE. IF PATHFINDER ROUTE IS USED P.P.F. A/C WILL LEAD. IF VISUAL ROUTE IS USED GROUP LEADER WILL LEAD. IF NO CONTACT IS MADE WITH PARADE GROUP WILL PROCEED ON PATHFINDER ROUTE.
 - (13) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB. DIV. CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
 - (14) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED.
 - (15) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - A. CEE
 - B. TARGET I.T.A.

PLAN "B"

3. A. 416TH BOMB GROUP
 - (1) GRUMBERG - RAIL SIDINGS (8-867227)
 - (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 P.P.F. A/C.
 - (3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT F-3658 AT 12,000 FT. AT ZERO MINUS 40 MIN.
 - (4) BASE TO P-5552 TO L-5072 TO W-2372 TO M-6201 TO TARGET
 - (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-6832 TO G-2723 TO N-8978 TO L-5072 TO BASE.



- (8) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,200 FT. 2ND BOX 13,000 FT. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 3,000 FT DROP 1,000 FT. AFTER BOMBING.
- (9) M.P.I. INTERPRETATION REPORT NO. P. 753 COVER SIDINGS FROM #2300007 TO 25730059 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES P.P.F. M.P.I. GRID COORD. 86442260
- (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSEB 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR.
- (12) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE RED FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- (13) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE P.P.F. A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY (A) FLIGHTS (B) BOXES AND WILL USE E-8200 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - A. P.P.F.
 - B. GROUP "CEE"
 - C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (14) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED.
- (15) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED

416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BHEINE AIRFIELD (W-755105)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING OR 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH PPF A/C OVER THE FIELD WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 12 MIN.
- (4) BASE TO E-9143 TO A2383 TO V-8820 TO V-2230 TO TARGET
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO A-6494 TO A-2383 TO E-9143 TO BASE
- (6) BOMB AT 1ST BOX 13,500 FEET - 2ND BOX 13,000 FEET MINIMUM ALTITUDE IF BOMBING IS VISUAL WILL BE 3,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER BOMBING
- (7) MPI ILL. 3/AIR/214/6 REF. 861937 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF MPI GRID COORD 75571153 INTERVALOMETER SETTING MINIMUM.
- (8) 22 X 100 LB. G.P. FUSEB 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL
- (9) T.O.T. ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MIN.
- (10) FLIGHT LEADERS WILL FIRE GREEN FLARES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS
- (11) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL GROUP WILL BOMB BY BOXES AND WILL USE A-6494 AS A VISUAL I.P. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES THE PRIMARY TARGET GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
 - A. PPF
 - B. GROUP CEE
 - C. TARGET E.T.A.
- (12) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPHER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED
- (13) EXTREME CAUTION WILL BE EXERCISED THAT ALTERNATE TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL NOT BE SELECTED
- (14) PARADE WILL INSTRUCT GROUP LEADER BEFORE BOMBLINE IS REACHED WHETHER TO PROCEED ON VISUAL OR PATHFINDER ROUTE. IF PATHFINDER ROUTE IS USED PPF A/C WILL LEAD. IF VISUAL ROUTE IS USED GROUP LEADER WILL LEAD. IF NO CONTACT IS MADE WITH PARADE, GROUP WILL PROCEED ON PATHFINDER ROUTE.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

4. NO CHANGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 412TH BOMB GROUP (867227)

- (2) LATENOR
- (3) JUDITH
- (4) RIPSAN

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP (755105)

- (2) OAKLEAF
- (5) ROSELEE (IF NO CONTACT, CALL KENWAY ON C/C)

CONCETWIG 97

BT 13/0040A
CES/LCB AR

ITA R. 13/0210A RE K
JES R.
JES R. 13/0210A JABAX
JPO R. 13/0210A DE AR
JKI R. 13/0210A JT AR



MISSION NO. 233

LOADING LIST
BOX I
FLIGHT I

13 MARCH 1945

1. 501 W
CAPT D STERBINS
LT A S GALLOWAY
LT V H POWELL
S/S W J BROWN

4. 9315 F
LT M ERROTABEHE
SGT E A BOWIE

2. 490 X
LT J J LACKOVICH
LT R C MUIR
PVT R M BARRY

5. 416 O
LT R FORD
SGT D J MURRO

3. 224 E
LT E O TURNER
S/S J SIENKIEWICZ

6. 334 G
LT J F WALLACE
SGT J G KRANTZ

FLIGHT II

1. 508 Z
CAPT C S STANLEY
F/O J H BLOUNT
SGT J C EDENBURN

4. 321 T
LT W H ROBERTS
SGT A R HOOD

2. 935 W-1
LT W W ANNIE
SGT J L PAURER

5. 305 U
LT W H LASETER
SGT D W VAN GALDER

3. 985 D
LT J W BLVINS
S/S P G SUGA

6. 325 L
LT A V EVARTS
CPL G D FAGAN

FLIGHT III

1. 523 N
KING LT O F JACOBSEN
PVT R W HARVEST
SGT H I GOOCH

4. 213 A
LT T D McCREADY
S/S W E LEMONDS

2. 989 X-1
LT L E CANNON
S/S J W ROBINSON

5. 264 I
LT R J LACKNER
SGT W H FIDLER

3. 361 M
LT J P KENNY
S/S L V METZLER
S/S F W ELLIOTT

6. 259 H
LT A S NATHANSON
SGT C M HICKS

SPARE

249 F
1st J A GREEN
SGT R R ROBAKSEN

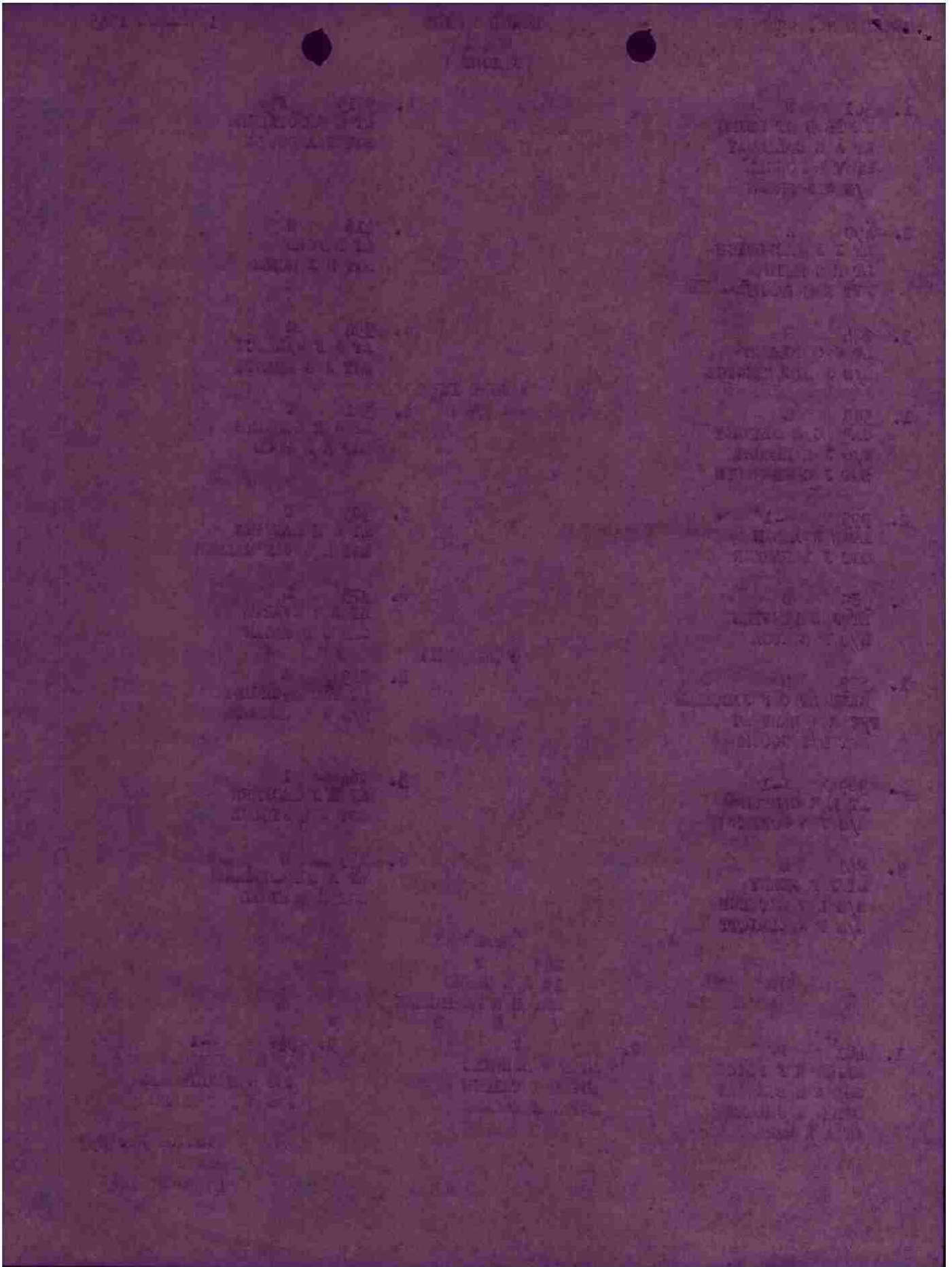
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1. 481 P
MAJOR R F PRICE
SGT A B STEWART
SGT N M GRAHAM
LT A R HAND

2. 383 V
LT D W SORRELS
SGT H I TRIEBER
SGT V A MALARA

3. 352 W-1
LT R W VANROFF
SGT W H KLINGMAN
S/S A J HURLAND

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BOX I
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MISSION NO. 233

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

13 MARCH 1945

1. 528 T
MAJOR C H FERRIS
LT P G ROYALTY
LT C R KOOE
S/S D J RIO

2. 507 Q
LT R B HALL
LT T L GOSS
S/S H A MAJEWSKI

3. 390 P
LT W MUSGROVE
S/S H O WEIGHMAN

4. 223 B
LT H POPENEY
S/S H C B CANDLER

5. 205 M
LT J F STANKOWSKI
SGT A E KIMBALL

6. 215 R
LT A R TURMAN
S/S C D HARMON

FLIGHT II

1. 498 R-1
CAPT E F PAIR
LT J L CORUM
S/S H S FESSLER
CAPT G B LUNDBERG (INFANTRY)

2. 332 R-1
LT J H MILLER
S/S H R DAVIS

3. 313 E-1
LT A REMISZOWSKI
S/S J H MICHESZ

4. 300 K
CAPT S M HIXON
S/S A H HINSON

5. 297 T-1
LT T E GRABER
SGT M APPLEMAN

6. 237 D
LT G L MILBORN
SGT D CHEST

FLIGHT III

1. 492 E
LT J E BLONGHEN
LT G G JOHNSON
S/S L R FLEMING

2. 351 F
LT J A WILLARD
S/S C V HINKER

3. 354 S
LT D S WEINERT
SGT R D FRANCIS

4. 344 G
LT G S JORDAN
S/S K F JENSEN
S/S E E BOLTON (INFANTRY)

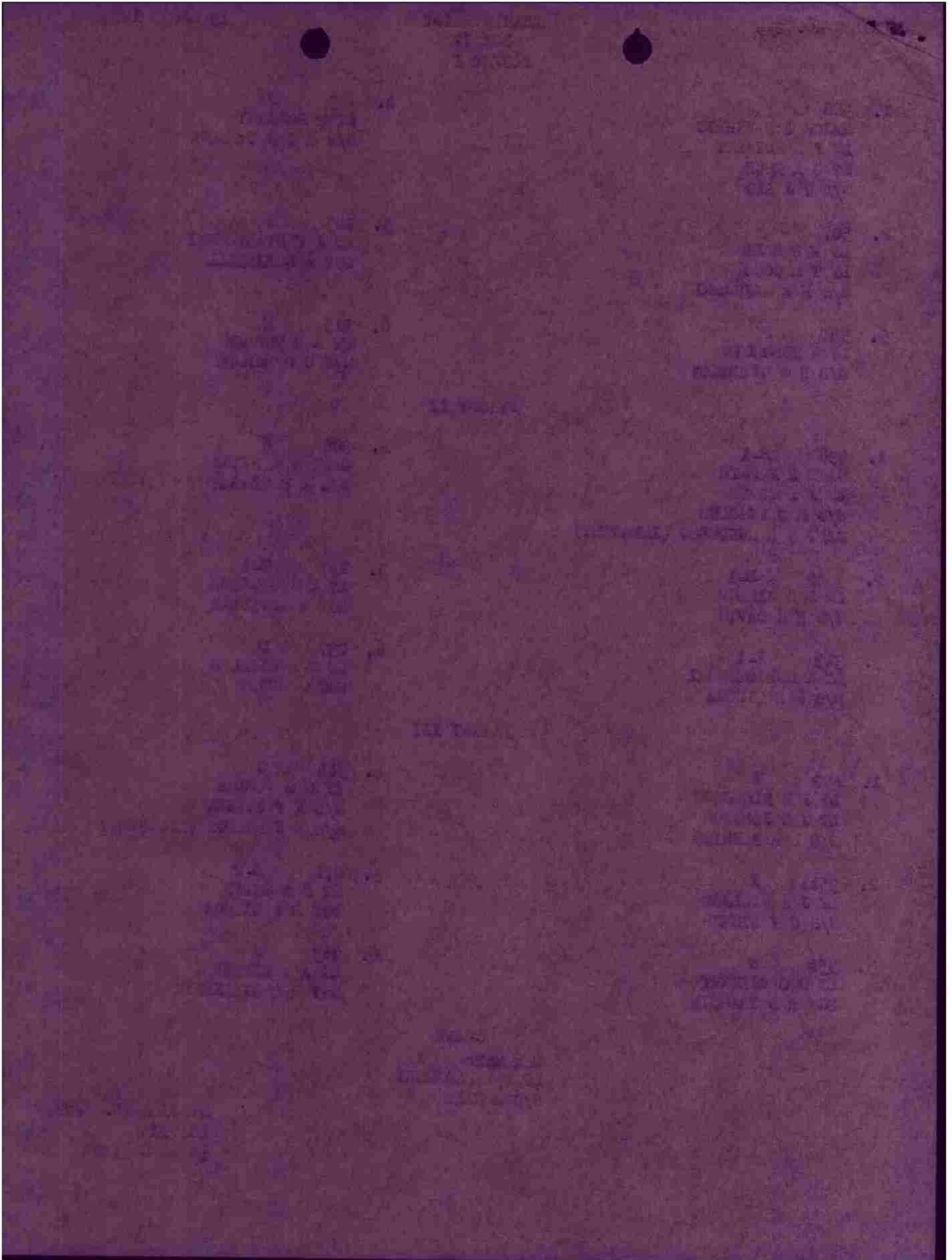
5. 271 R-2
LT B A SMITH
SGT R F WILSON

6. 263 G
LT A W DEPNER
SGT R H GILLESPIE

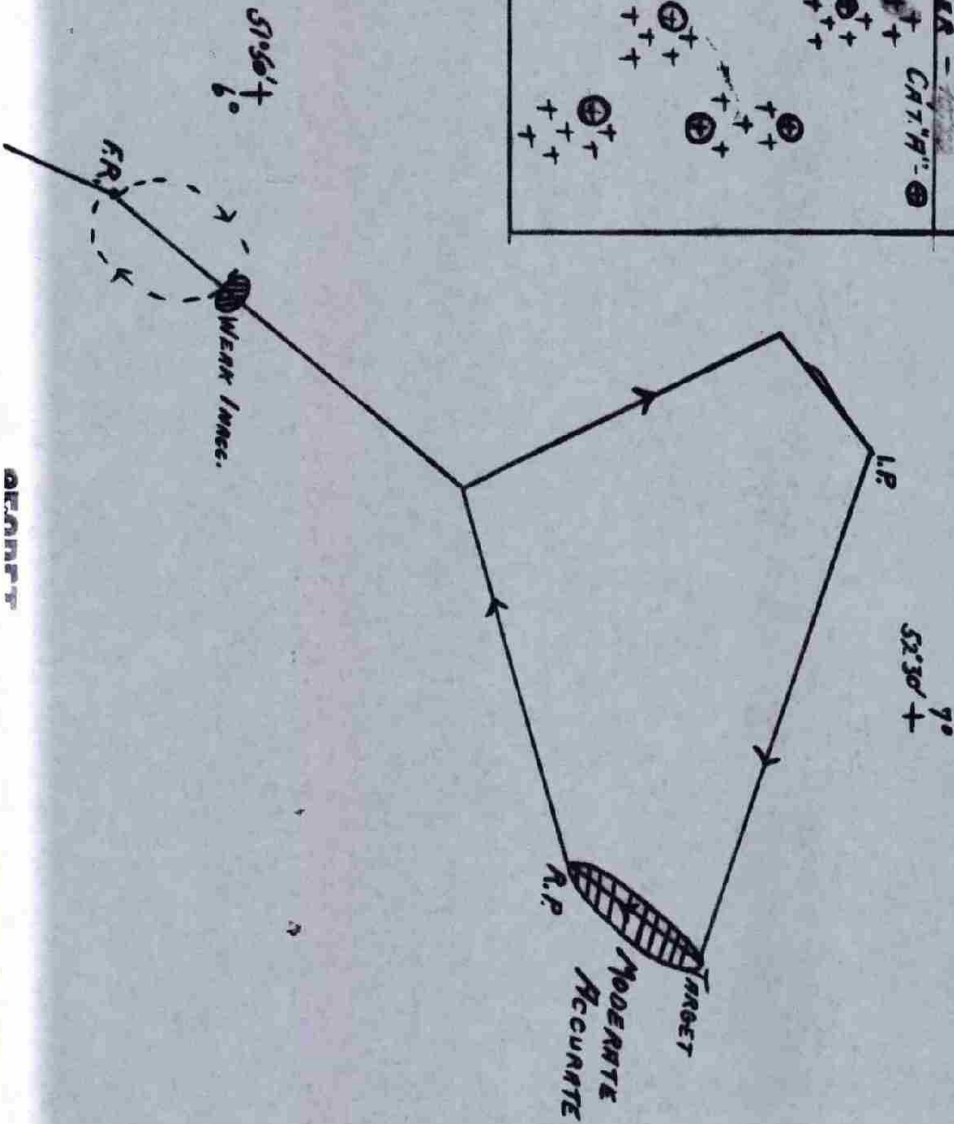
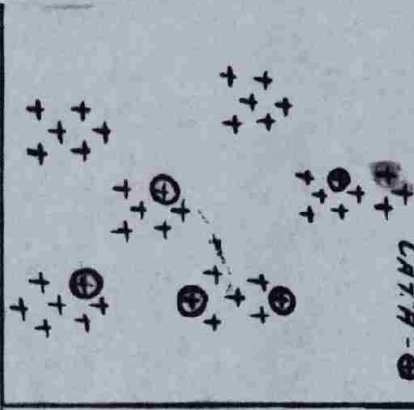
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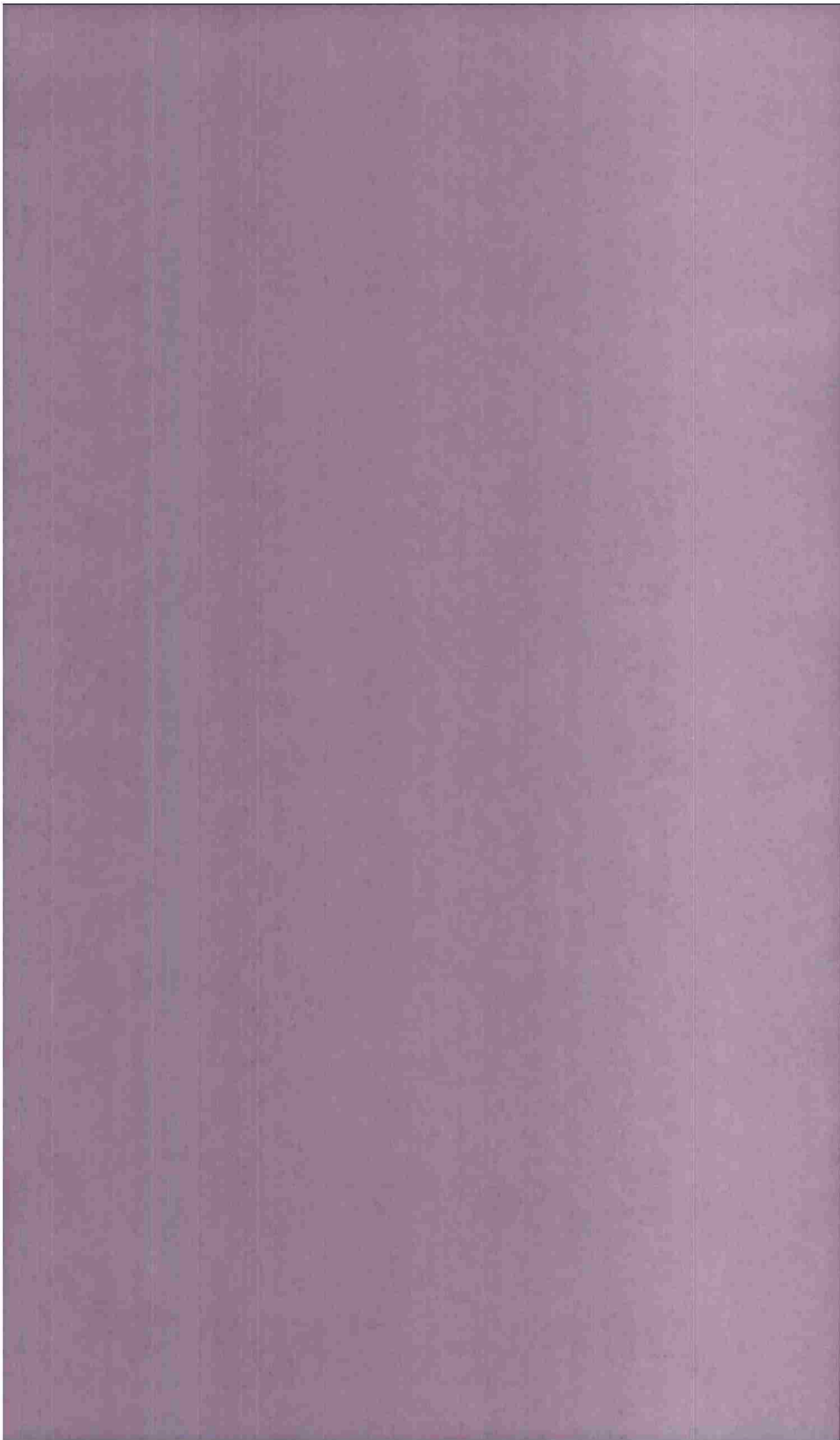
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LT P P BARAUSKY
S/S M HALL

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BOX II
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4/16 th D.G. - F.O. 202752
30MC ATTACHED
TARGET - RHEINE R/L
3 WINDROW 4/0
T.O.T. 1212.5:1915
ALTITUDE - 9,500
WEATHER - CAT "H" ⊕





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FROM: 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)TO: 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) INFO COPY
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) INFO COPY
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

416 BB R _____ E

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RICHARD V. WHEELER,
Captain, Air Corps.
Asst Operations Officer.

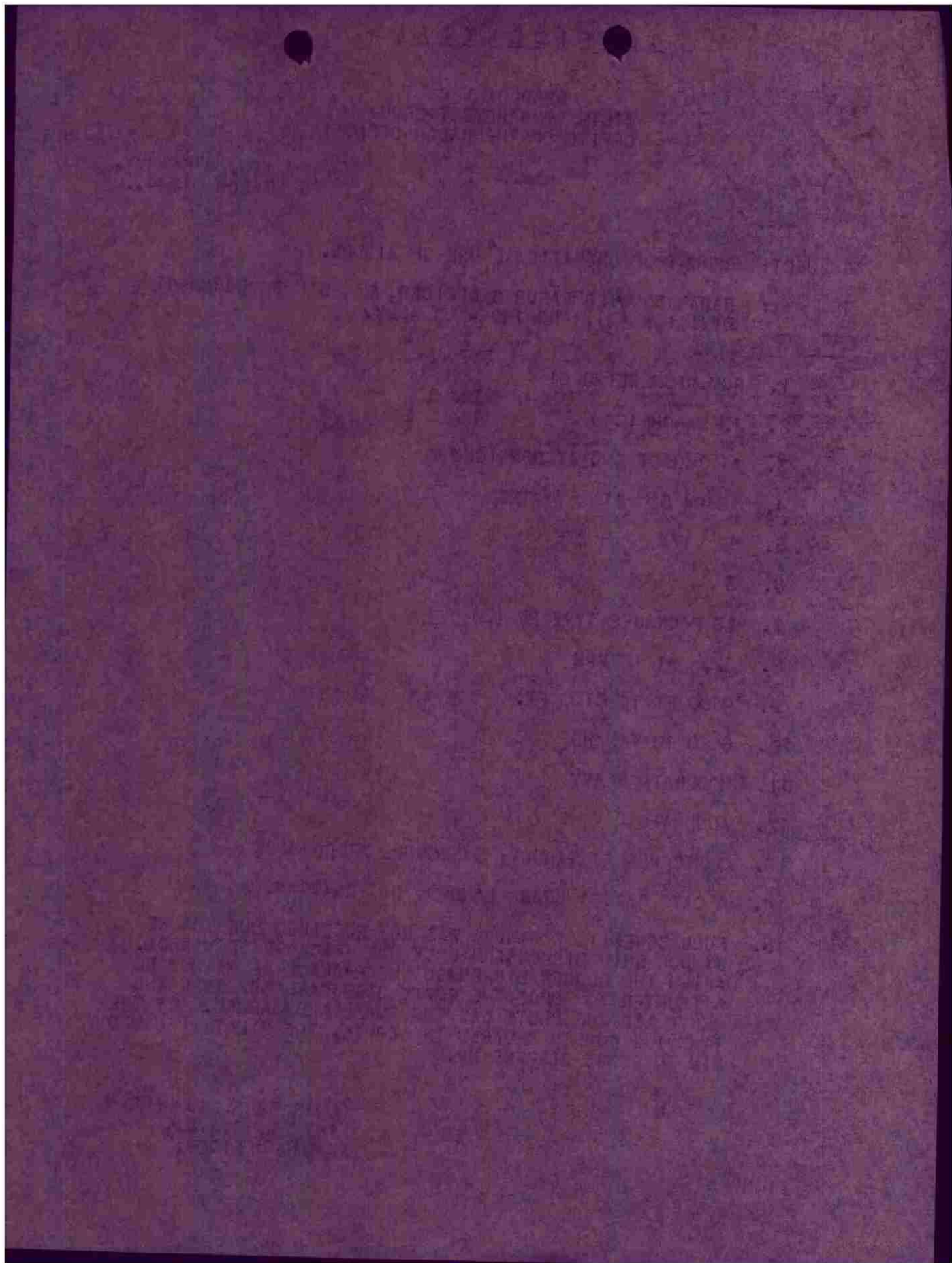
C O N F I D E N T I A LHEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICERAPO 140, U S ARMY,
15 MARCH 1944..

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, HQ, 9TH BOMBARDMENT
DIVISION (M), APO 140 - US ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 61
2. 13 MARCH 1945
3. AT TARGET AND AT DORNICK
4. A6494 52⁰ 11N 7⁰ 12E
5. 52⁰ 17N 7⁰ 23E
6. 3
7. 13 PACKAGES TYPE 28 (3)
8. 325⁰ AT 10 MPH
9. 9600 FT TO 8700 FT.
10. 6 TO 10 TENTHS
11. MODERATE HEAVY
12. ACCURATE
13. 3 SECONDS AT TARGET; 5 SECONDS AT DORNICK
14. 5 CAT. "A", 1 CRASH LANDED, CAT. UNKNOWN.
15. FULL BENEFIT OF WINDOW WAS NOT RECEIVED DUE TO ONE WINDOW SHIP DISPENSING ONLY ONE PACKAGE OF WINDOW. AFTER THE GUNNER DISPENSED ONE PACKAGE OF WINDOW HE ATTEMPTED TO FORCE THE EMPTY CARDBOARD BOX THRU THE CHUTE AND THE CHUTE WAS TOO SMALL AND JAMMED. BY THE TIME THE GUNNER CLEARED THE CHUTE, THE PILOT INFORMED HIM TO CEASE DISPENSING.

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON,
1ST LT, O.A.C.,
RADAR OFFICER.



ITA JEA V JKI JKI 20/13 P P
T- ITA PASS TO ADDRESSEE
FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) 13/1600A
TO 9TH BOMBARDMENT DEVISION (M) INFO COPY
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L) INFO COPY
CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (PROV)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-277-E

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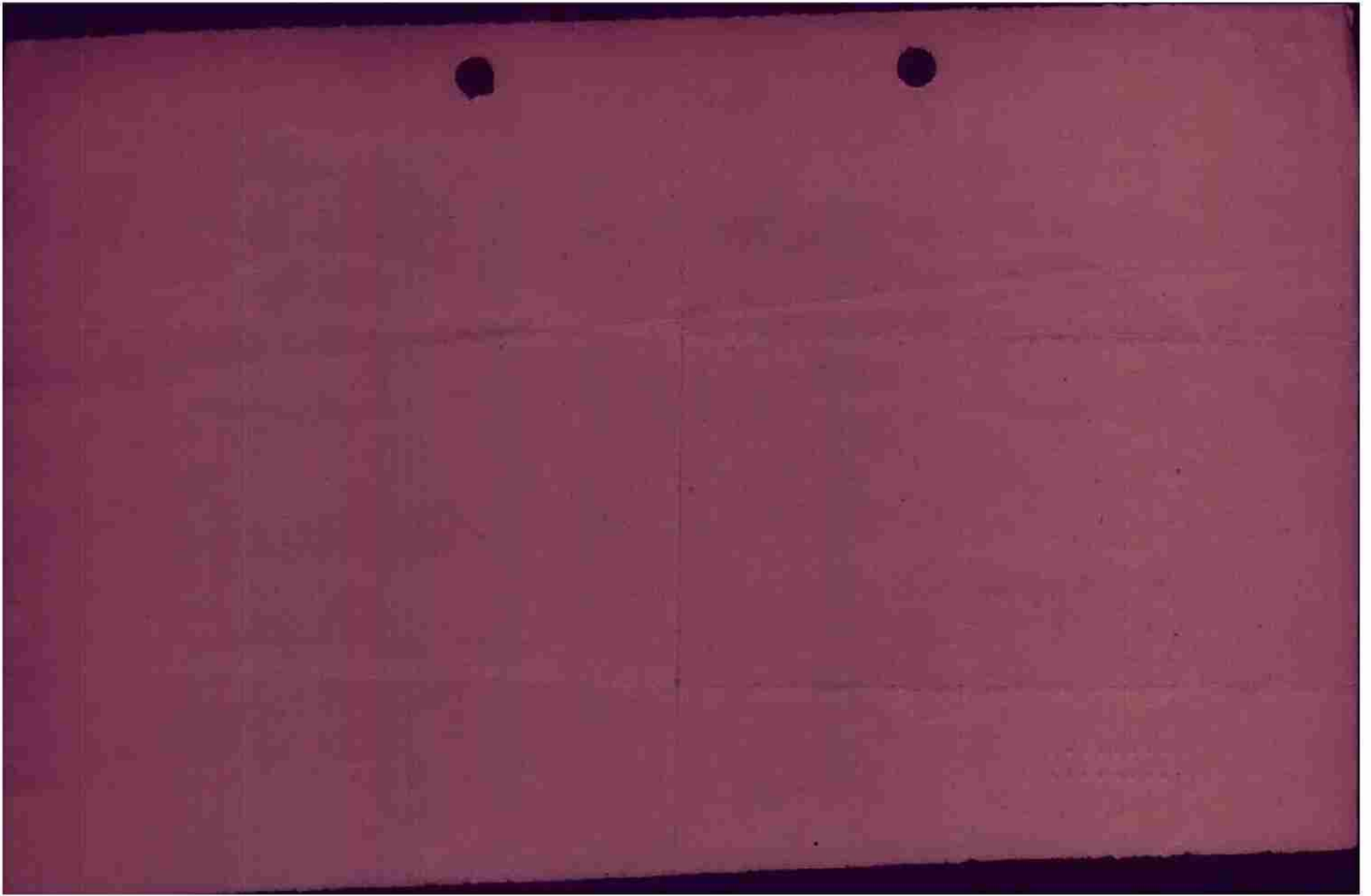
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JEA JKI V ITA JJF NR 33/13 OP OP
FROM: CO1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 13/2230A
TO : C G IX BOMB DIVISION
C O 97 BOMB WING
C O 416 BOMB GROUP

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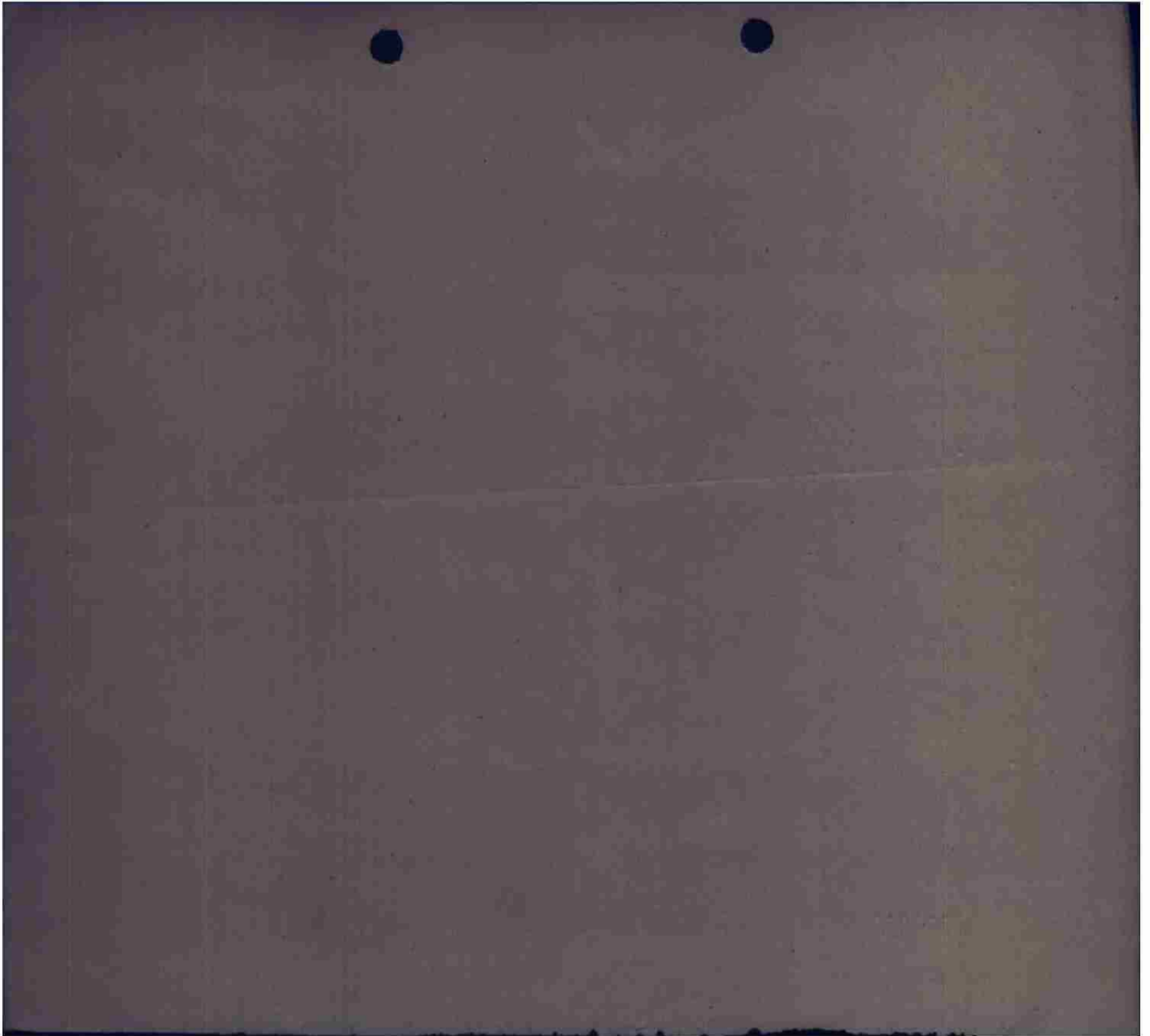
1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-362-E

PPF PILOT DAVIS 1ST BOX
DATE: TIME: AM

- A. FORMATION: E
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: EXCELLENT
 - 2. REMARKS:
- B. WINDOW SHIPS:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: PPF DID ALL
 - 2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANE COMMUNICATIONS: GOOD
- E. BRIEFING: REND
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: CLOUD FLYING SUPERIOR
PPF CHANGE OF ALTITUDE TO AVOID CLOUDS WAS VIOLENT

CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 13/2230A
PZ/DEG B
JKI R.....13/2350A JF KKKK



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JEA JKI V ITA JJF NR 34/13 OP OP

FROM: CO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 13/2230A
TO : C G 9TH BOMB DIVISION
C O 97TH BOMB WING
N C O 416TH BOMB GROUP
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1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-363-E

PPF PILOT DE MOUCHE 2ND BOX
DATE TIME AM

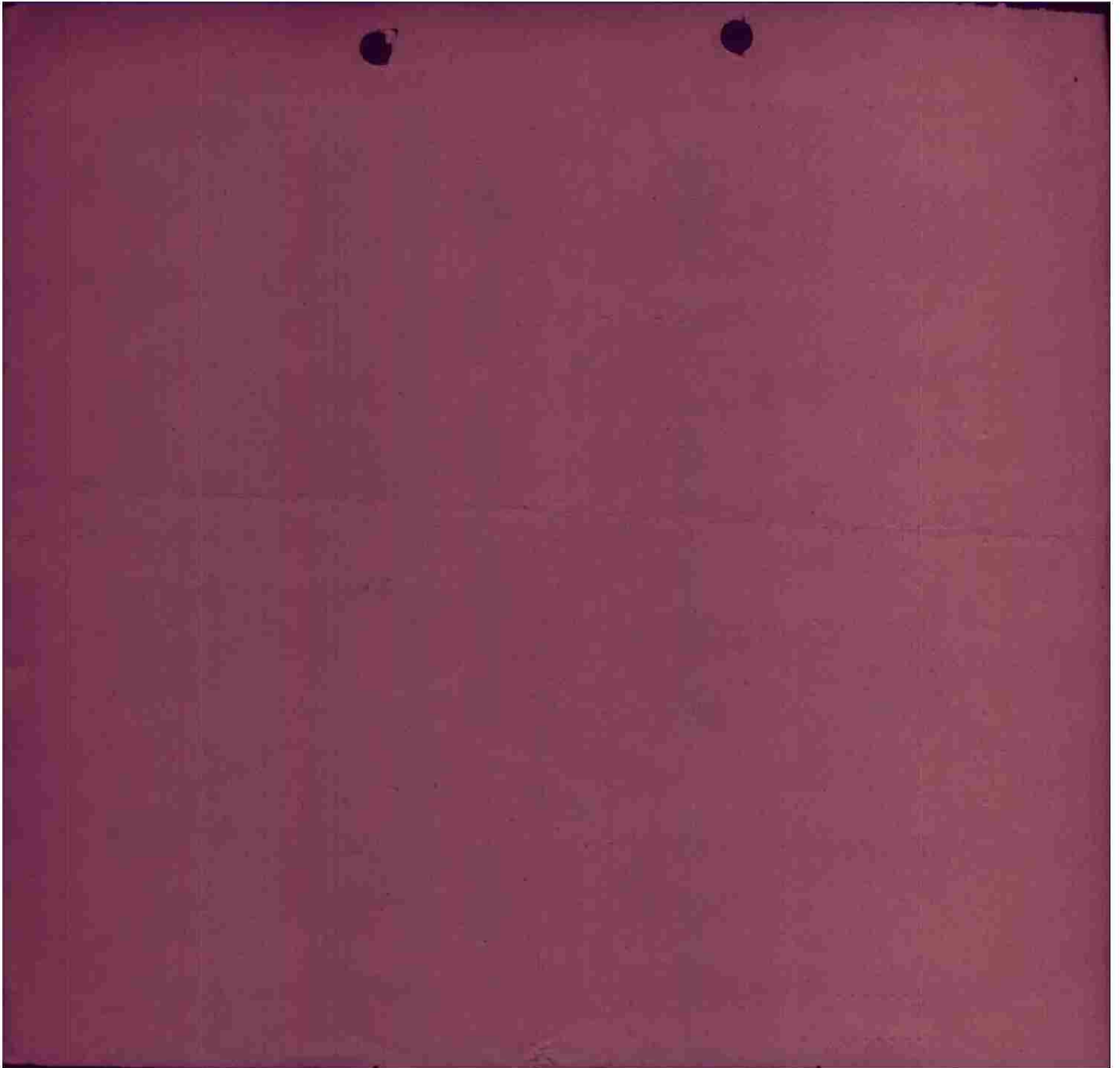
- A. FORMATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION : GOOD
 - 2. REMARKS:
- B. WINDOW SHIPS:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: NONE
 - N 2. REMARKS:
- C. NAVIGATION:
 - 1. CLASSIFICATION: PPF DID ALL
 - 2. REMARKS:
- D. INTERPLANENCOMMUNICATIONS : GOOD
- E. BRIEFING:REND
- F. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS: PPF CAVE BOX POOR CLOUD LEAD. SUPERIOR DROP AND FORMATION WHEN BOMB AWAY.

VO 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

BT 13/2230A
PZ GP BBB

JEA R.....

JKI R.....13/2359A JF KKK



JFO JKI VIA JEA V IFA JUF 18/13 OP OF
FROM 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV 13/1488A
TO C G IX BOMB DIVISION ATTN: A-2
C G 37, 98, 99 COMBAT WING
C O 394, 416, 386, 344, 391, 410, 322, 387, 397 BOMB GROUP
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- 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV R-339-D
- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
- B. GRUNBERG M/Y WG 334226
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 8 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. UNOBSERVED 18/10
- H. THRU K. NONE
- L. KERNZDUFMM. 13533 13333
- M. 1133 1139

ANNEX: CALLED TIPSAM TWO MINUTES AFTER ENTERING AREA AND RECEIVED PM.
NOTE: GROUP FORMATION GOOD, WINDOW SHIPS TOO HIGH.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 394 BOMB GROUP
- B. RINKINE M/Y RV 752188
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 1 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. 1 B-26 ICING AND CLOUDS SCATTERED FORMATION, SQ TURNED AROUND 25 MILES BEFORE WAITING POINT RA171515 AT 1143.
- F. 4 X 500 GP PRIMARY
4 X 500 GP RETURNED
- G. BELIEVED GOOD
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. MODERATE ACCURATE IN TARGET AREA
- K. NONE
- L. 13988 PRIMARY
- M. 1157 PRIMARY

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF AREA.

- A. FIRST PATHFINDER SQ WITH THE 410 BOMB GROUP
- B. BRILLET M/Y RV 753115
- C. 2 B-26
- D. 2 B-26 PRIMARY ON EQUIPMENT
- E. NONE
- F. 3 X 500 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. STRIKES SEEN IN TARGET AREA
- H. THRU I. NONE
- J. MANY TARGET AREA WHITE BORNICK RA 020673
- K. NONE
- L. 10828 9000 PRIMARY
- M. 1213 1/2 1214 1/2 PRIMARY

ANNEX: NO CALL MADE 2ND TAF AREA
NOTE: GROUP FORMATION AND WINDOW SHIPS GOOD.

CG 1ST PATHFINDER SQ PROV

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RELAYED BY RL B TO JKI

JFO R VIA JEA.....13/1822A SL KKK

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AUTH: CO STA 4-69
DATE: 15 March 1945
INIT:

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TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U. S. Army.
Attn: Statistical Control.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Cprep & No. 344 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 13 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 833 97th CGW 705 205-709

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Worms Airfield
Place of take-off Station 4-69
Place of landing Station 4-69 1 Aircraft landed at 4-70.
Take-off time 1915 Landing time 1940
Time over target 2219 Bombing Altitude 9600-9700
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather 6/10's clouds below, 10/10's clouds above. Heavy ground haze.
Results Unobserved due to haze and clouds.
Enemy opposition Moderate accurate IFF after turn off target.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 41 A-26's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
3 Worms Airfield

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: None
(4) Other: None

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) 5 Category "A" - flick. 1 crash landed at 4-70 - category "A". "None" would not extend previously category "A" due to flick damage.

8. Sorties 41

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FORM 1

GEORGE SCHNEIDER
Adjutant,
Department, Air Corps

For the Commanding Officer:

- F. Destroyed
- E. Damaged

H. Group reported by type or description (with the following):

Type of	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	H. Gun	L. Gun	T. Gun
Shot	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in	0	0	0	0	0	0
Action	0	0	0	0	0	0
Called in	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shattered	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel (to include):

- e. Total returned
- d. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c
- c. Jettisoned
- b. Expended on operations (List targets separately)

F. Bombs, Mines, etc. used:

- e. Total carried into air
- d. Expended on operations
- c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

H. Ammunition by caliber:

- e. Night (summed to sunset)

D. Total operational flying hours

- e. Day (summed to sunset)

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TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMBTWING 97 (INFO)
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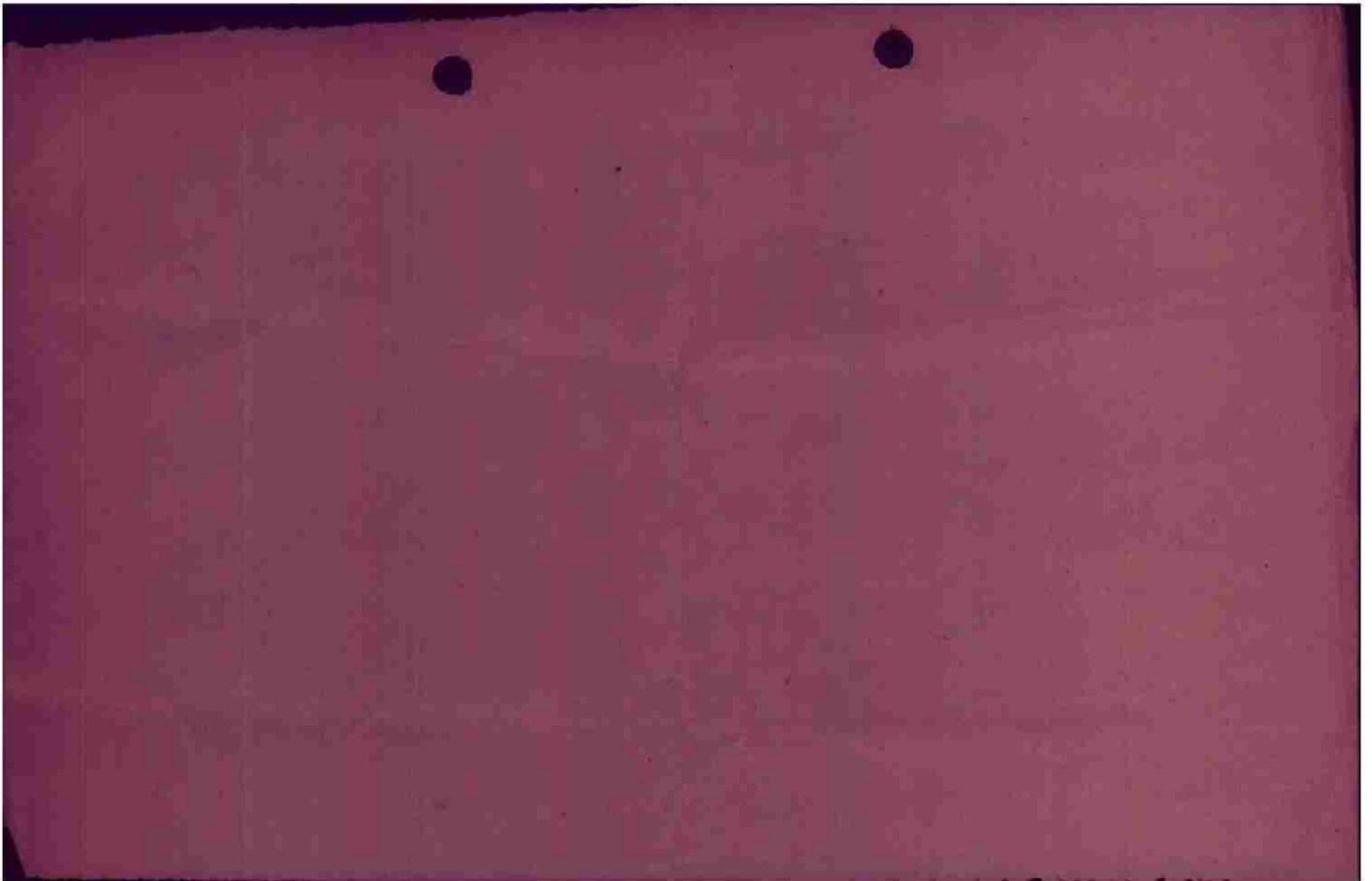
- A - VS - 61
- B - 13 MARCH 1945 (1015-1311)
- C - W-WILLIAM AND T-TARE REPORTED "OPS" COMPLETED TO PARADE.
- D - PPF MISSION
- E - NONE
- F - NONE
- G - NONE
- H - NONE
- I - NONE
- J - NONE
- K - TOWER COULD NOT RECEIVE SHIPS AT A DISTANCE OF 30 MILES, AT 4,000 FT FEET. TOWER RECEIVER IS BEING CHECKED FOR PROPER TUNING.

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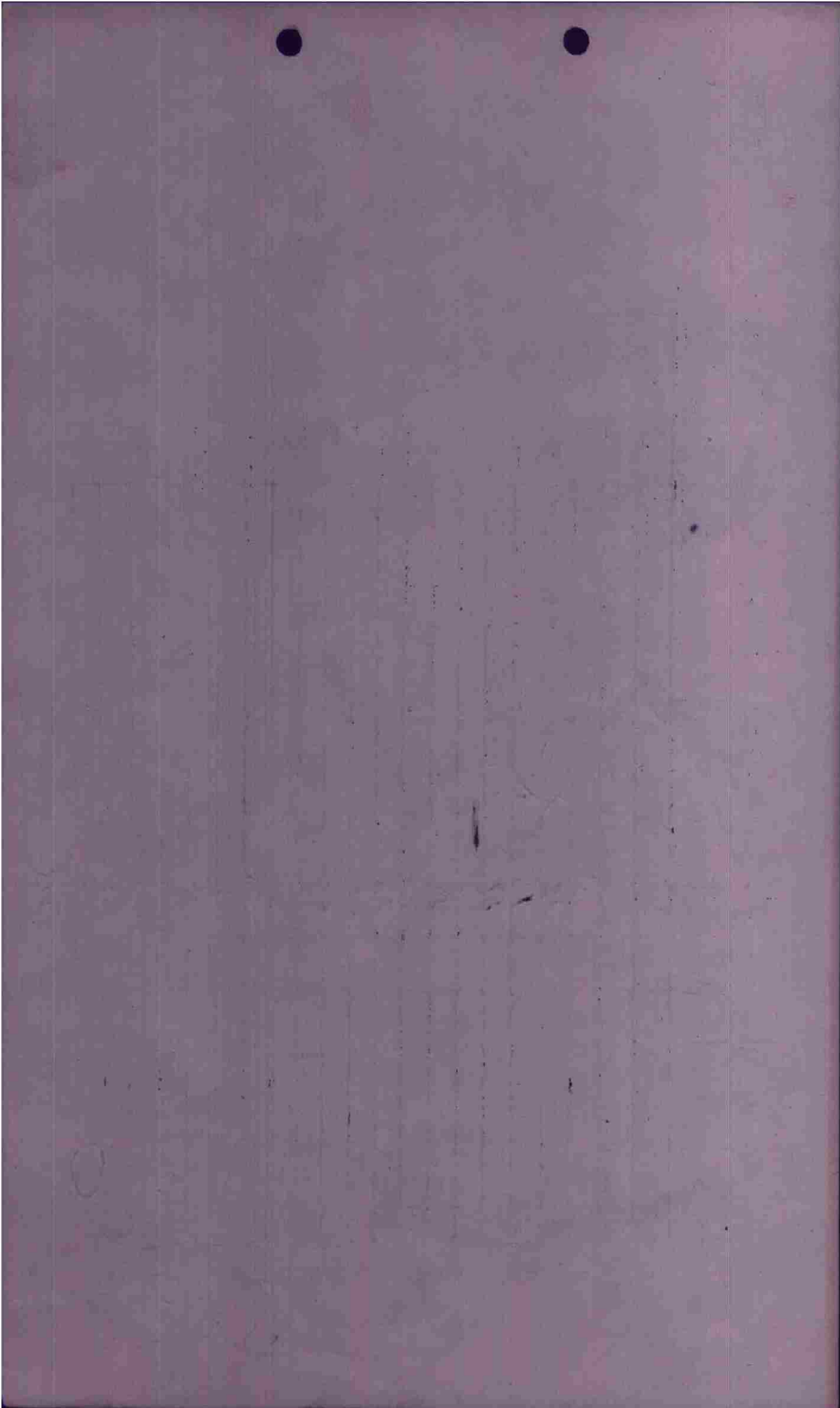
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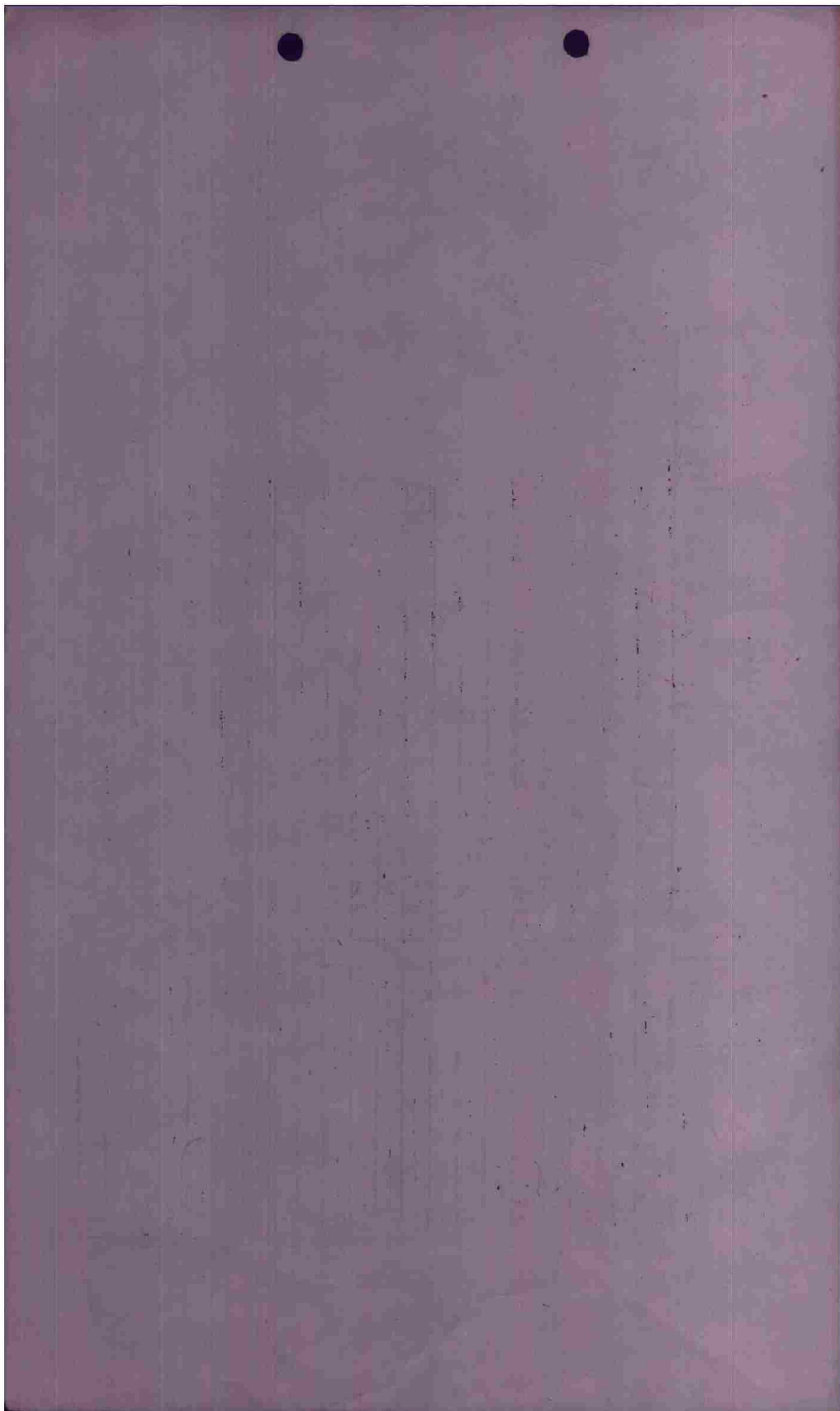
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4		13 Mar 45 A.M.				Ferris	TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Feil to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	FURS.		
Pos. No.	Reason	F S O	F S J F R	M D A A C B E D	P D K W M			
1. 528			22					
2. (507)			22					
3. (330)			22	✓				
4. 223			22					
5. 265			22					
6. 215			22					
1. 498			22					
2. 332			22					
3. 313			22					
4. 300			22					
5. 297			22					
6. 237			22					
1. 492			22					
2. 361			22					
3. (354)			22					
4. 344			22					
5. (27)			22					
6. (263)			22					
1. 244			22					

Ferris 528
 Musorove 330
 Sobensy 273
 Tutman 215
 Stankowski 205
 Blair 498
 Weinst 354
 Jordan 344
 Derner 263
 Barzuskly 244
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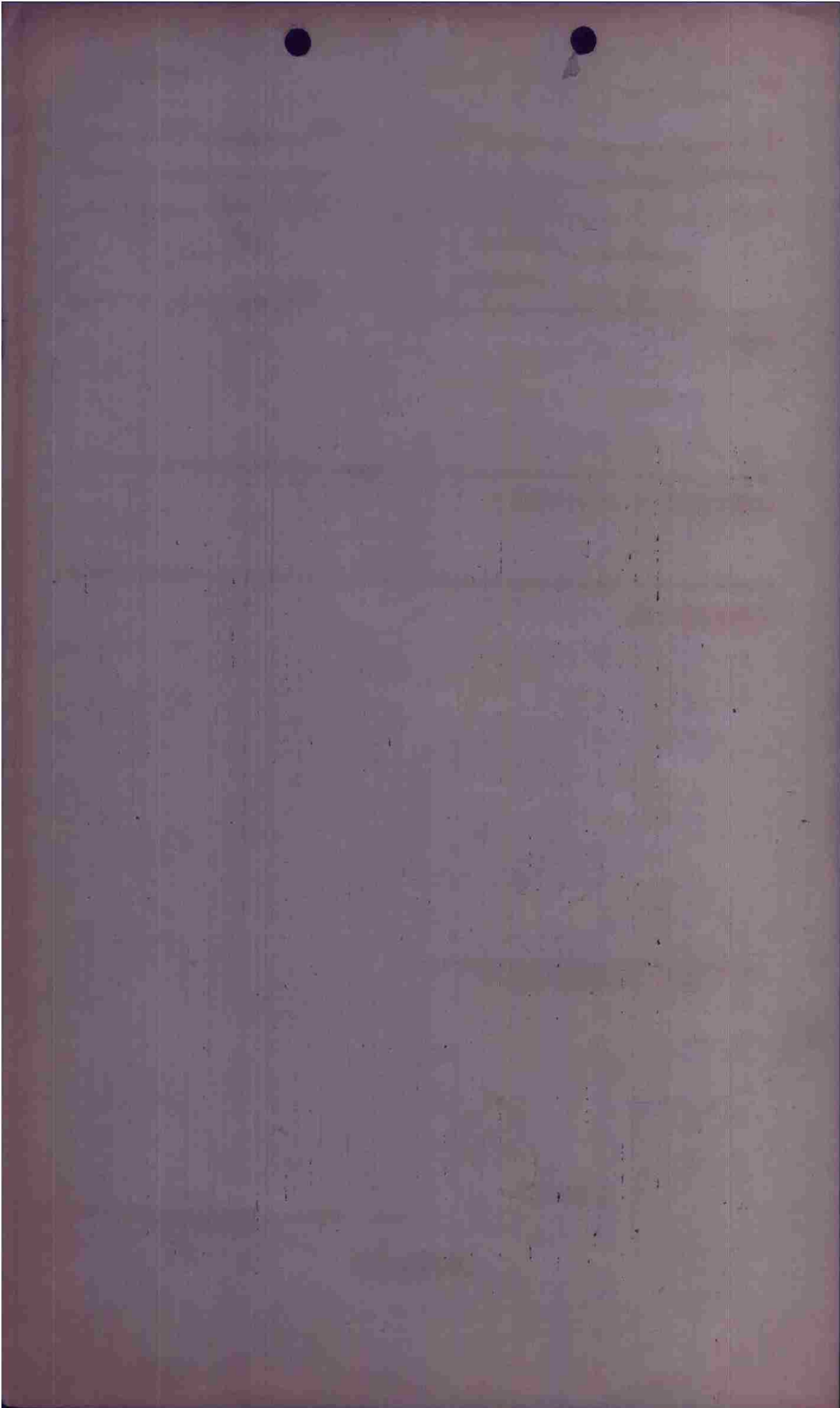
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Window

Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Insp	A/C Dam	E/A	FERS.	TOT	L/D
Seq No.	Reason	F S O	F S J F R	M D A A C B E D F D K W M				
1	481		✓					
2	383		✓					
3	352		✓					

Price
481
Van Robe Sorrels
352



A.M.

Window

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PILOT Price A/C# 181 BOX _____ FLT _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

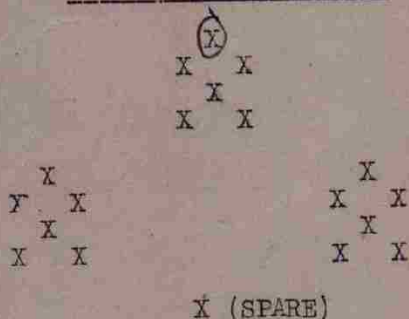
FLAK : WNIA crossing the river on course.
Emmerich
WNIA Tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

1215 3' after 10 900'
1 1/2 mile
6 Boxes 300' below 1st Box
1218 Tgt.
scattered good.
246 GS
113°

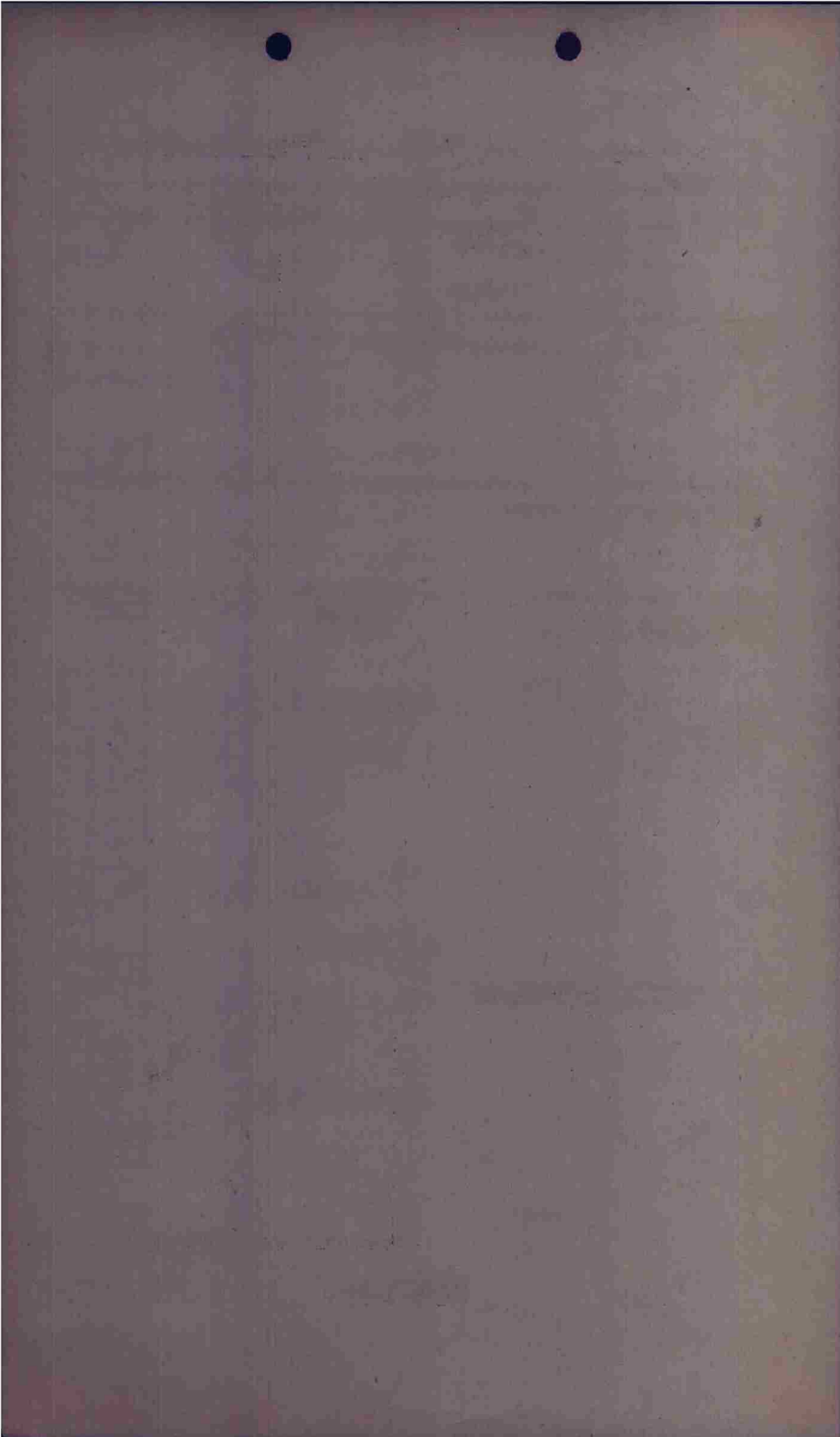
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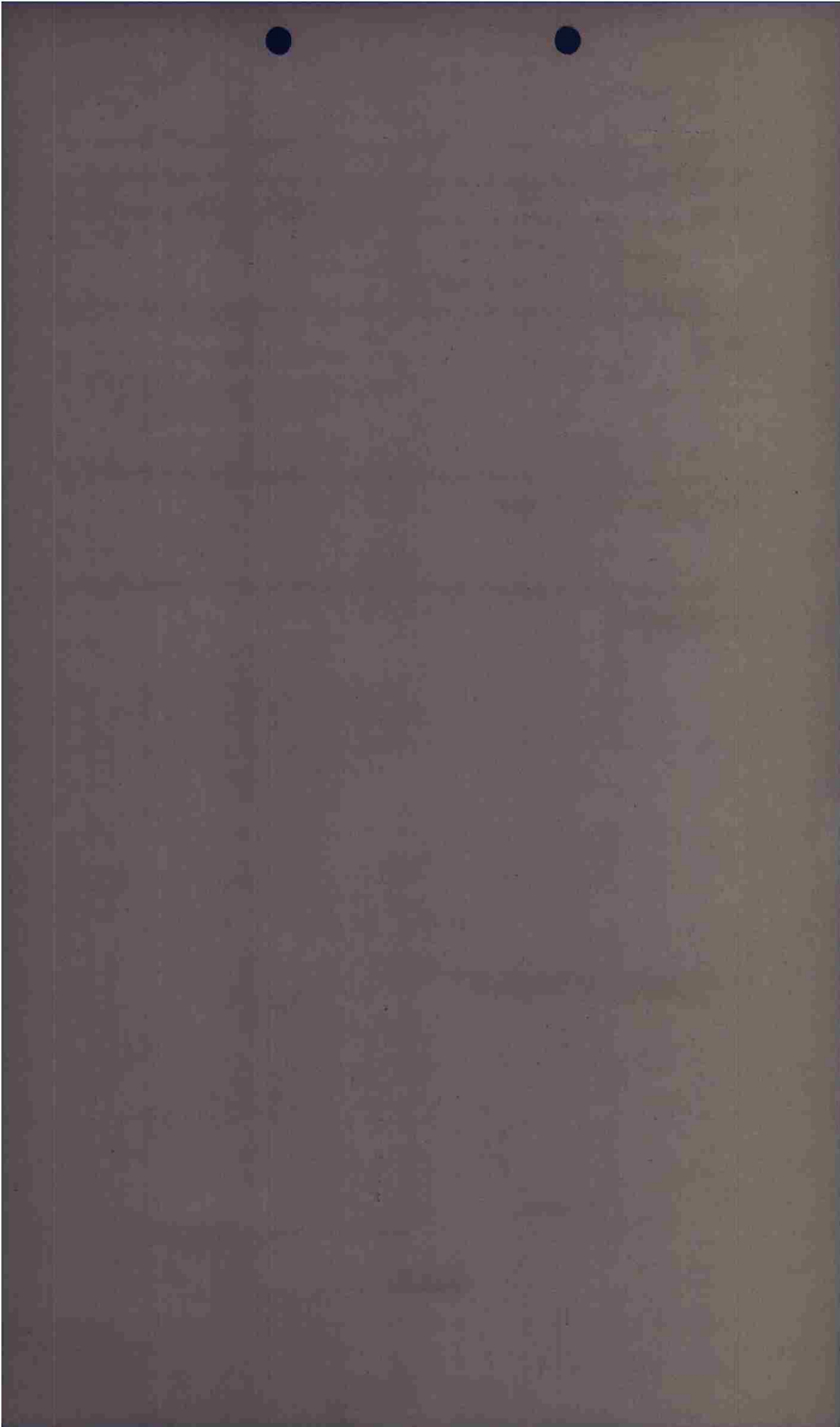


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Window

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PILOT V. J. Rope A/C# 352 BOX _____ FLT _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<i>Winds</i> X <u>W/T only</u>	X			
X	JETTISONED			

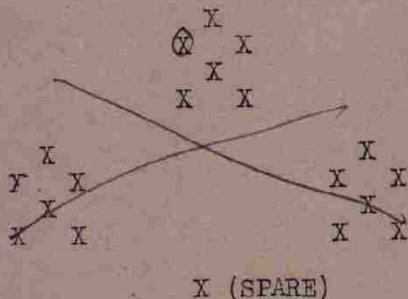
FLAK : *While formation circling FR we made too wide a circle & got over in February - probably bombing - X #1.*
Target : *on turn thru RP for 2 minutes X #1*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS : *5 barges in canal near TP 1201.*

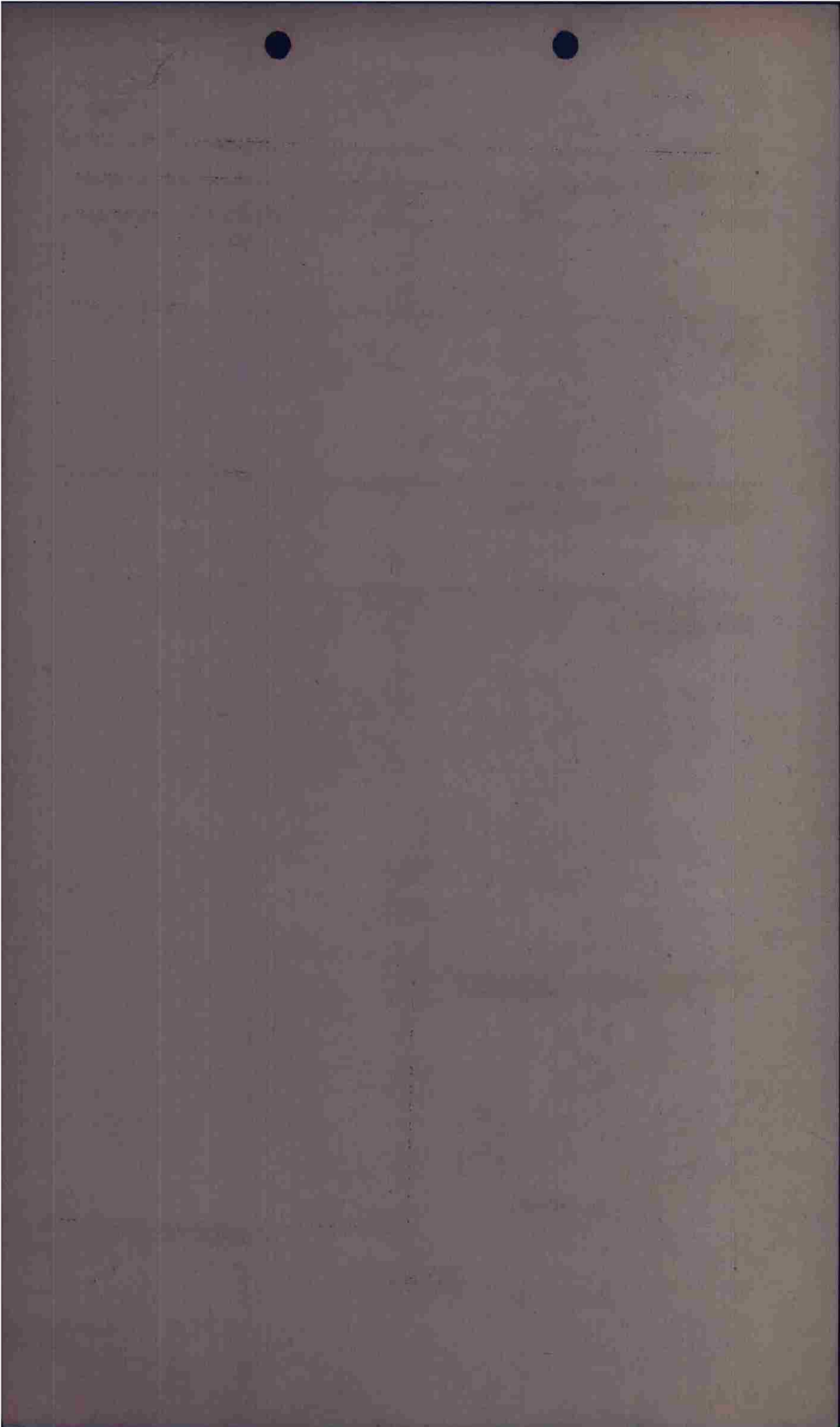
POSITION IN FORMATION



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BOX I

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FLT-3

F/C _____

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Jacobsen A/C# 523 BOX I FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X / <u>00</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>Jacobsen</u>			
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

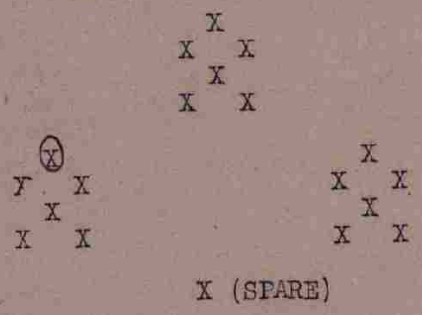
FLAK : X HI on turn off.
 X HI on circle at bombline.
 white flash to right at B/C.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

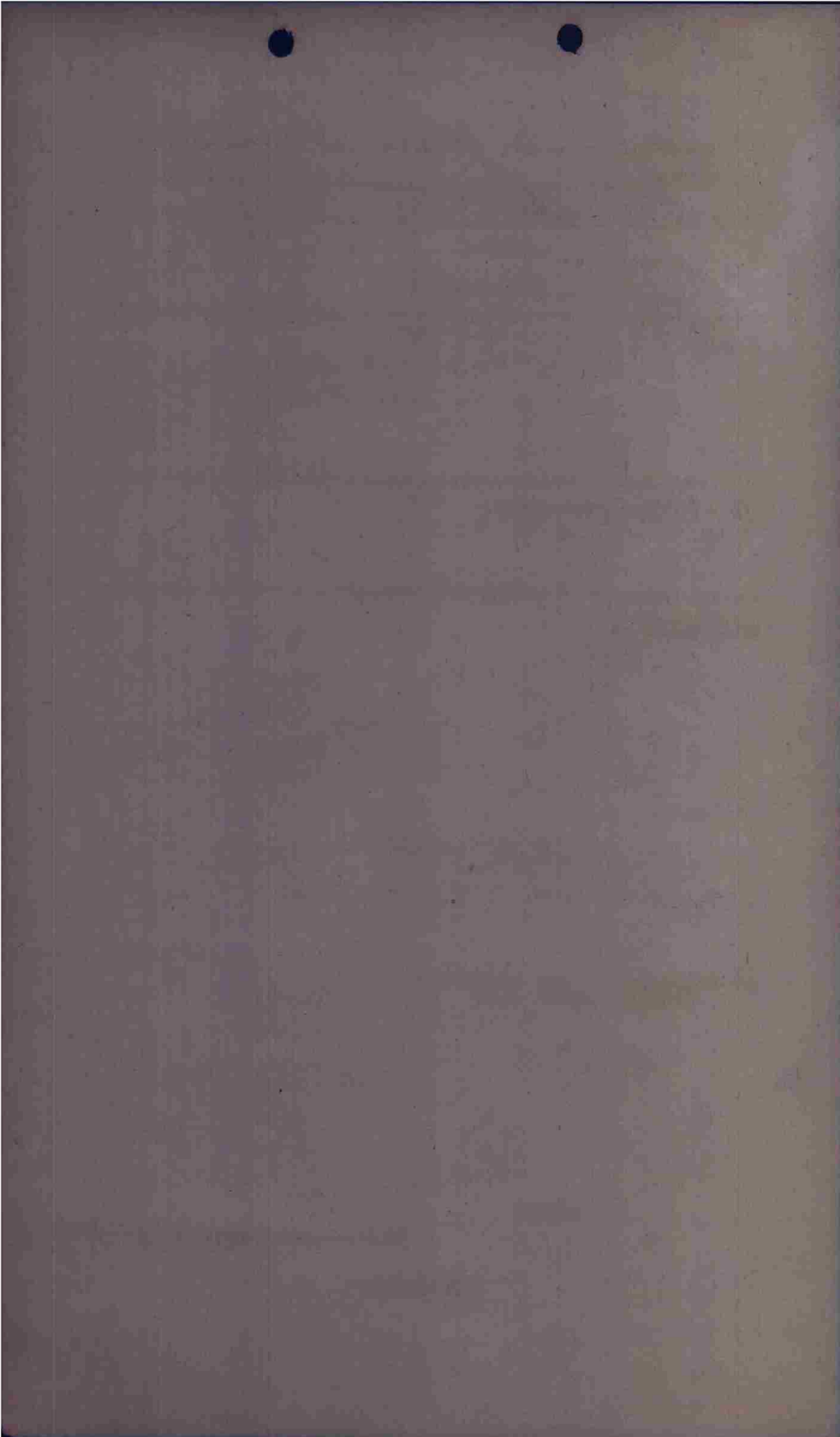
tot - 1213
 alt - 9600
 Speed = 210
 Head = 115°
 Runway full of holes.
 Credit see bombs burst.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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BOX 1

A.M.

1-1-1

E/C _____

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PILOT Stepbins A/C# 501 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON <u>prim</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>				
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XHI - 30-40 bursts after being off target for 3-4 minutes.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

P55.

Could not see bombs hit.

$\frac{2}{3}$ low stratus

6-7/10 patches at 10-13000. Hazy on ground

Visibility 1-1 1/2 mi

f.o.t. - 12123

alt - 9600

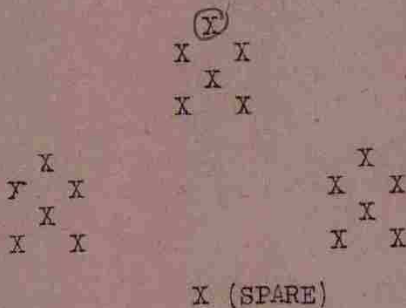
head - 1150

145-205

Bombs hit in target area possibly to left.

P55 wasn't good. varied altitude & speed

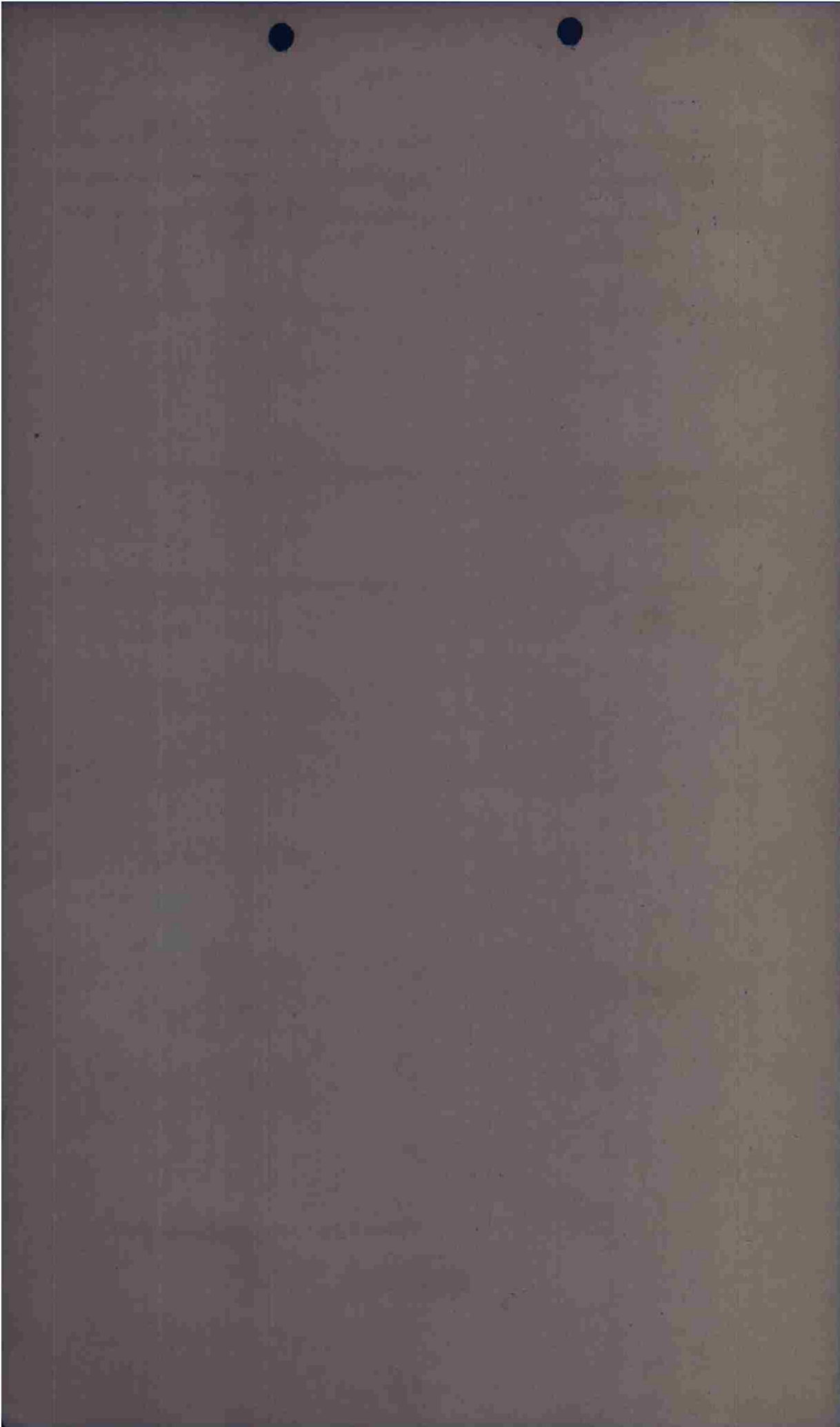
POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Ford A/C# 116 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u>	<u>X/100</u>	<u>Pyphalo</u>	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>		RETURNED	:	:	:
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK :

X HT on turn of target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Crustabene had to shake bombs out late.
Could not see bombs burst
Hazy & stratus clouds at target.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X (X)

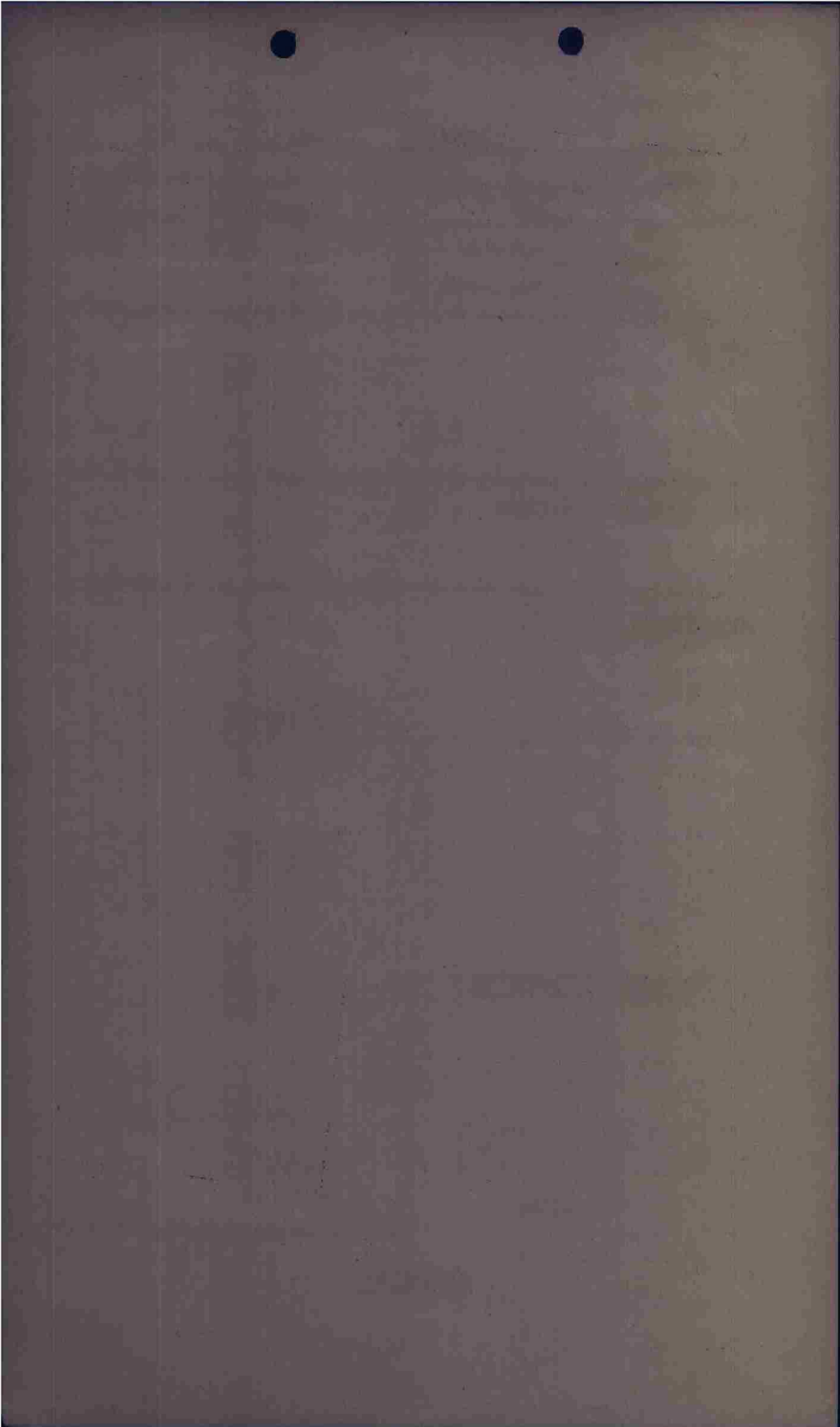
X      X
Y X   X
X      X
X      X

X (SPARE)
    
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F/O BOX 1 A.M. FLT-2 CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Stanley A/C# 508 BOX 1 FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS : <u>22 X/00</u> ON <u>Box 1</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	JETTISONED	X		

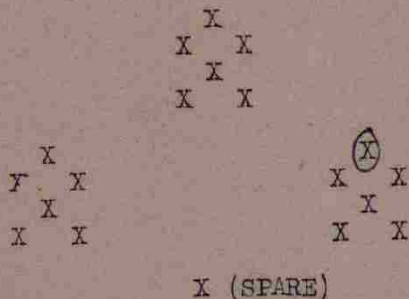
FLAK : hit in nose 1 minute after target
on turn off B/N at.
XHA

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

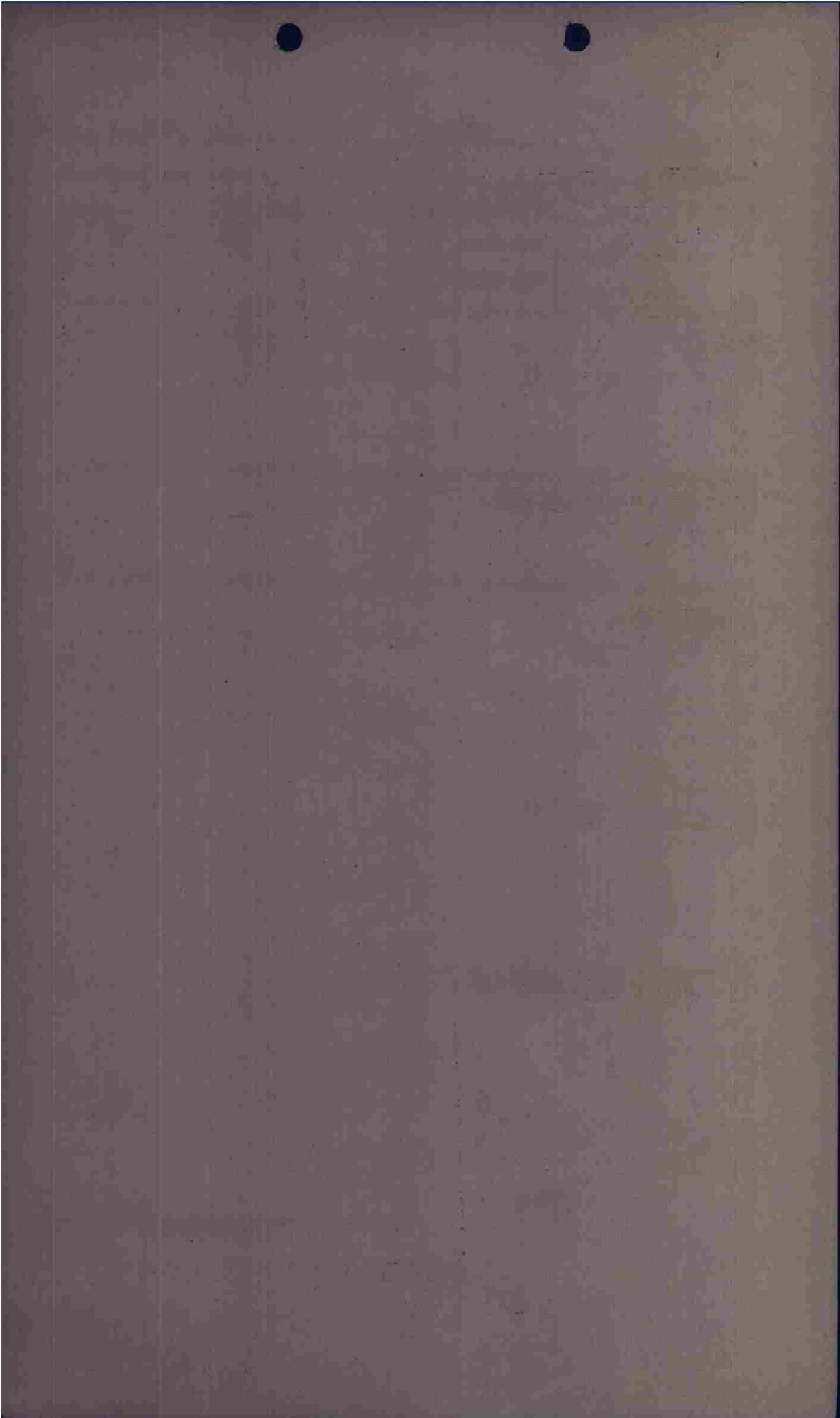
Saw target - credit see bomb hit.
t.v.t - 1213
alt - 9500
head - 115°
IAS - 310

POSITION IN FORMATION



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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Green A/C# 249 BOX Y FLT (Spare)

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS : <u>22X100</u> ON _____		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>1 hole</u>		
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>✓</u>		

FLAK : XHA just before target
XHI on turn off + then turn

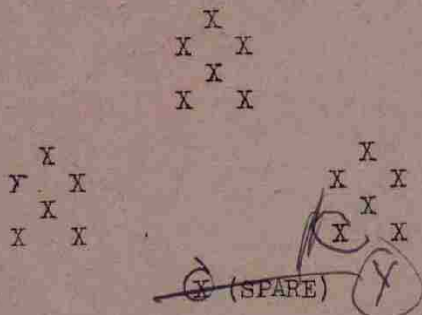
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

nil

POSITION IN FORMATION

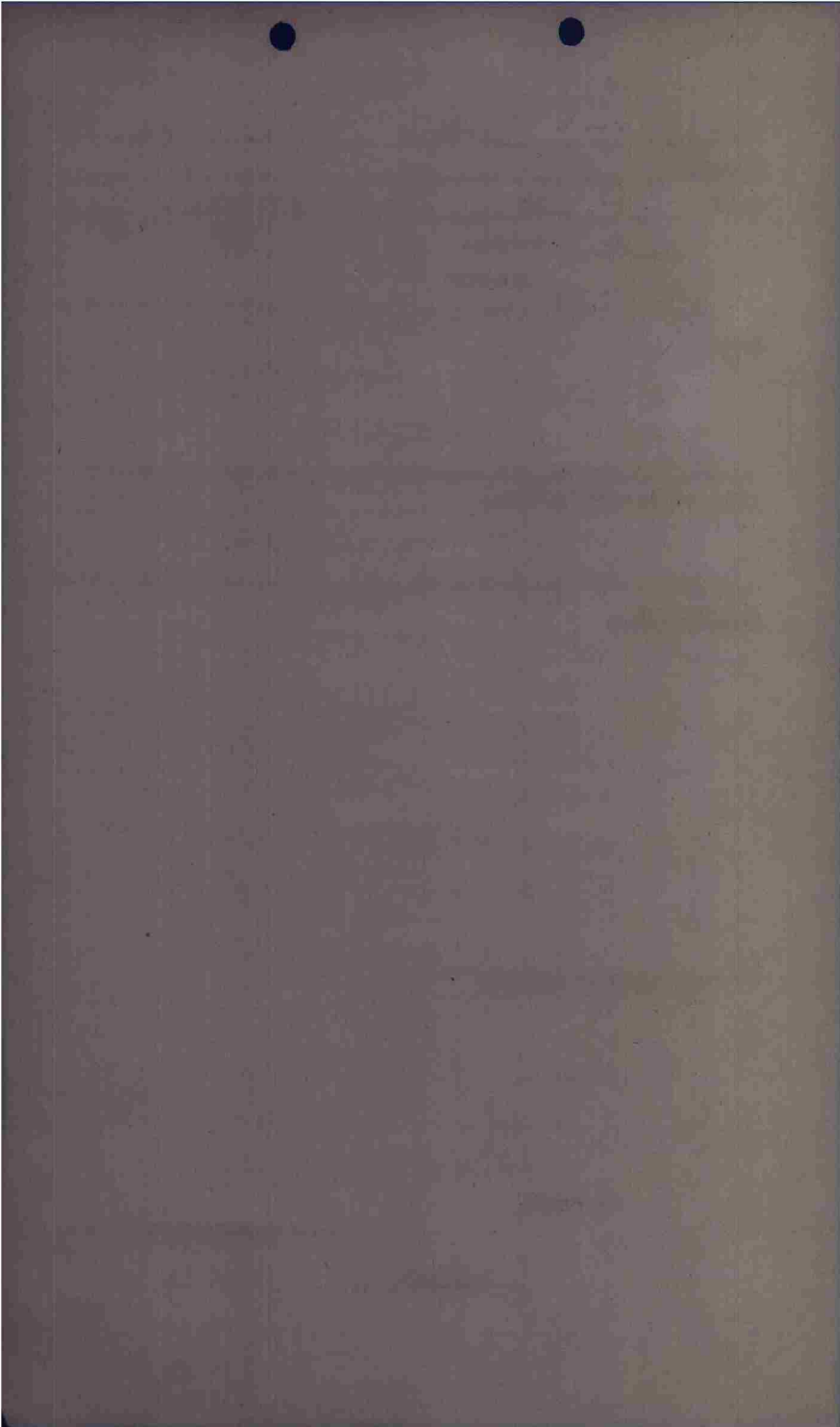


(X) (SPARE) (Y)

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F/O _____ ^{A.M.} CONFIDENTIAL INTERR. FORM

PILOT Lactuer A/C# 264 BOX I FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____ nil

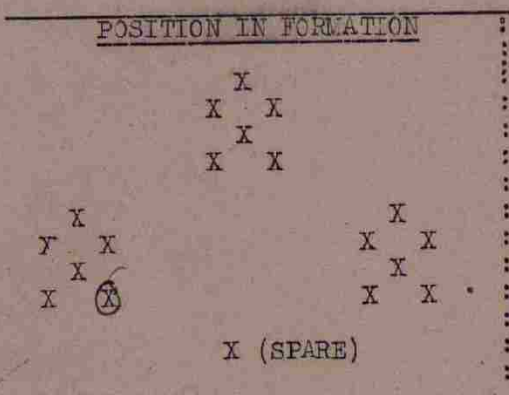
BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>	

FLAK : X HA - Right after turn off target - at level of Fl 3 + fl 1 of this box. Also at 1106 (to XH1) from

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : friendly territory
Also XH1 at bombline

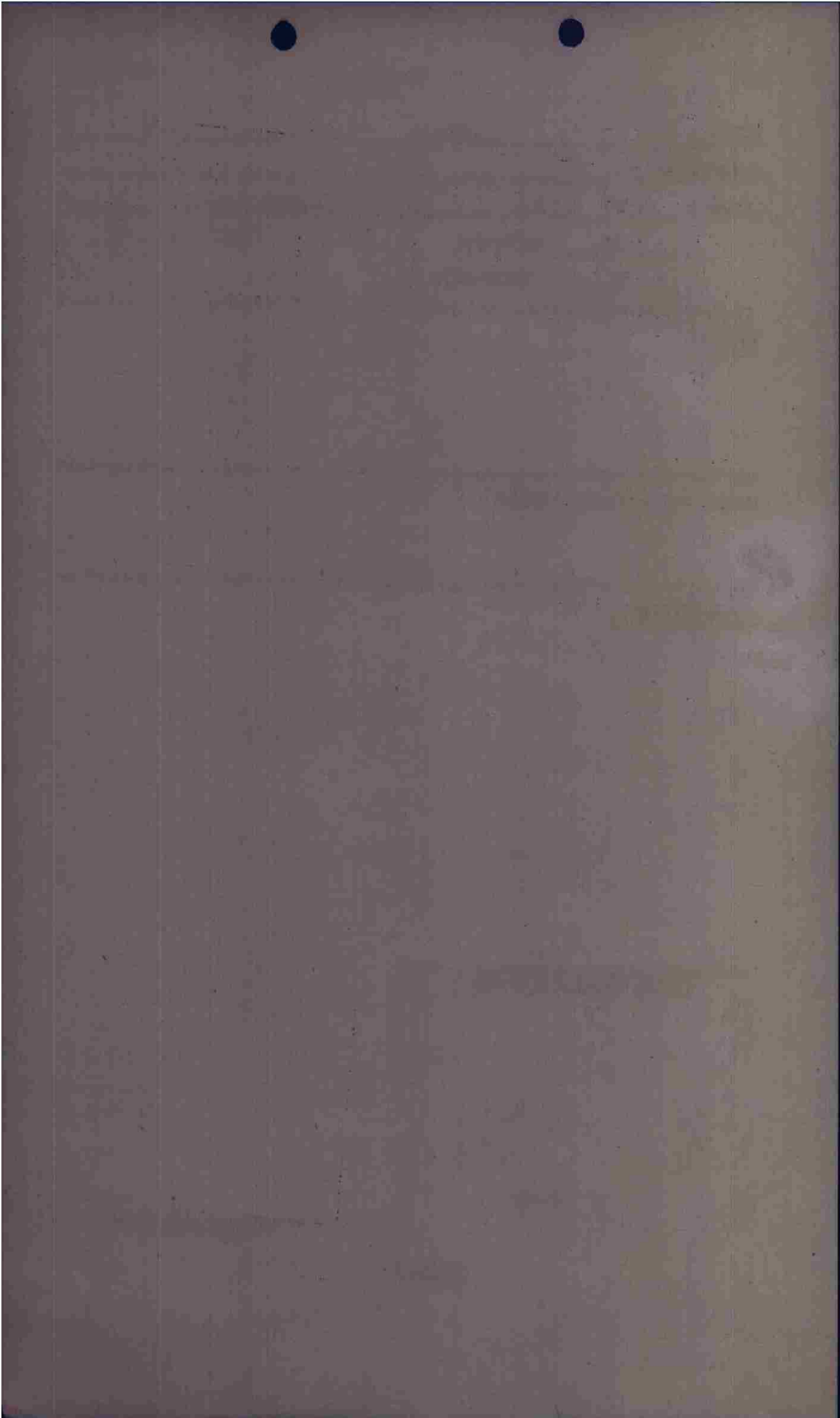
OBSERVATIONS : Target barely visible - just about five bombs dropped - no hits observed.

Unidentified twin tail A/C at 5 o'clock - ducked into clouds just after crossing bombline



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PILOT Erratobere A/C# 9315 BOX 1 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>19</u>	X <u>100</u>	ON			
<u>3</u>	X <u>100</u>	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

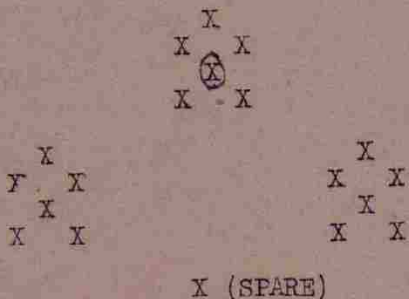
FLAK : WHA - Turnoff Tgt.
WHIA - Tgt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

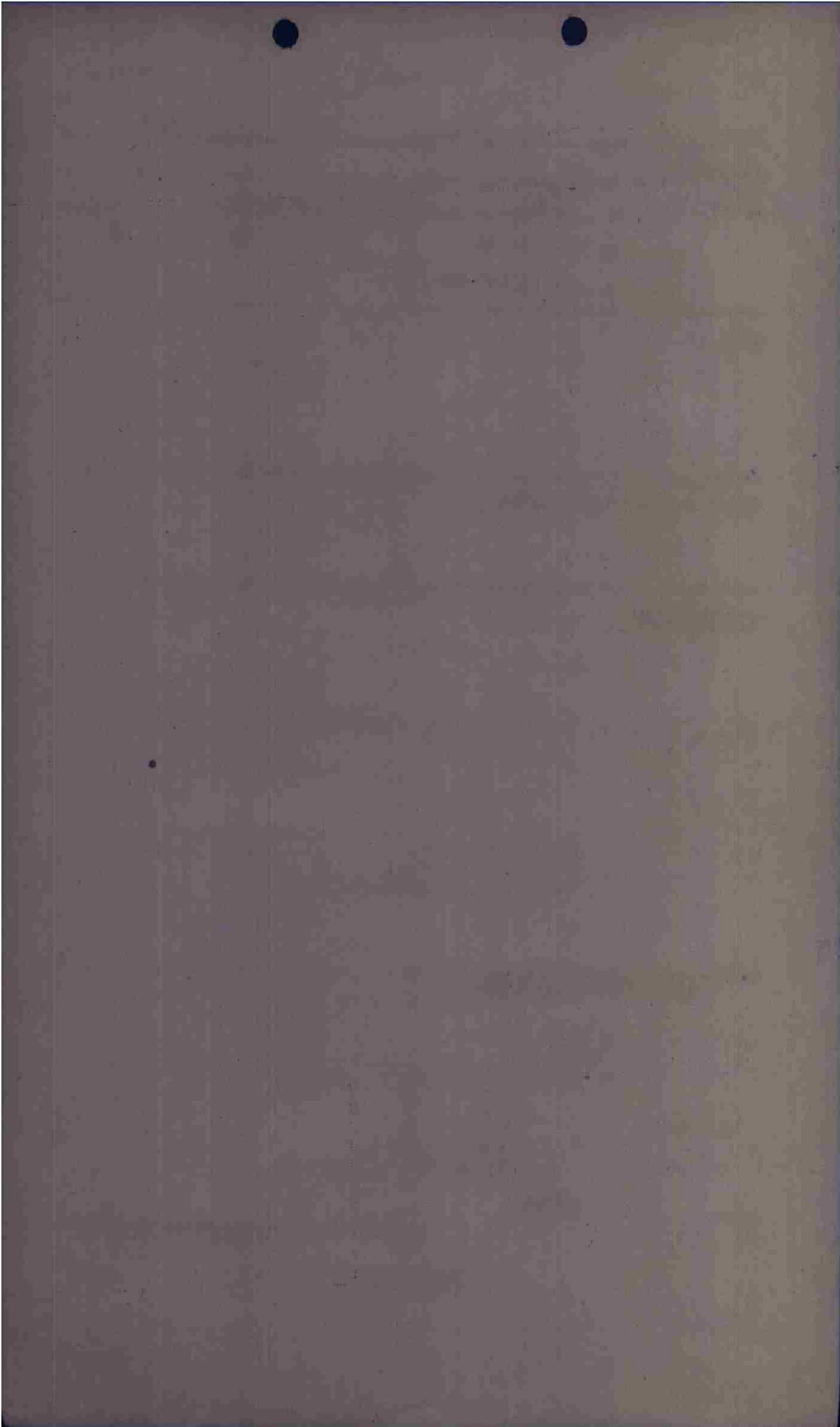
*Mechanical malfunctions
Windows clunked up*

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PILOT Evans A/C# 325 BOX 4 FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>100</u>			
	<u>X</u>				
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : Town H Tgt with A

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

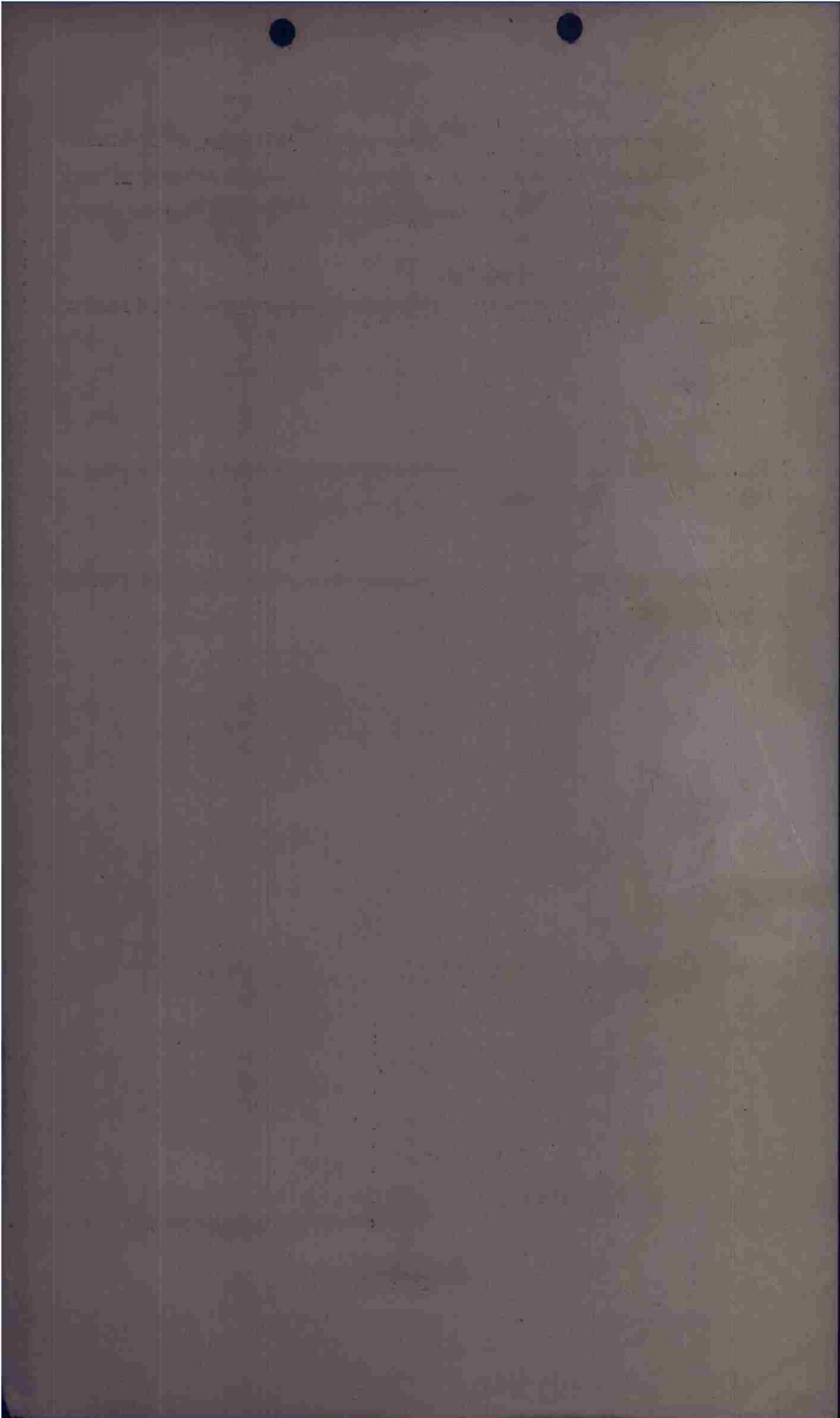
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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
X
Y X
  X
X X
      X
     X X
      X
X (SPARE)

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PILOT McCreedy A/C# 213 BOX 1 FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON <u>R.F.F.</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : 1140 - ind. tr. - 10-12 bursts - very inaccurate
one burst off + more in the back of
to left + front XH1

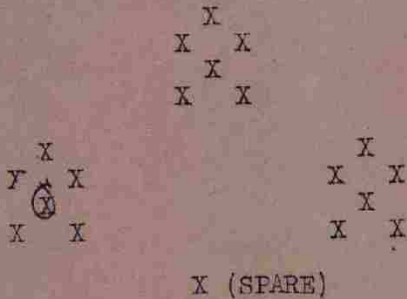
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OBSERVATIONS :

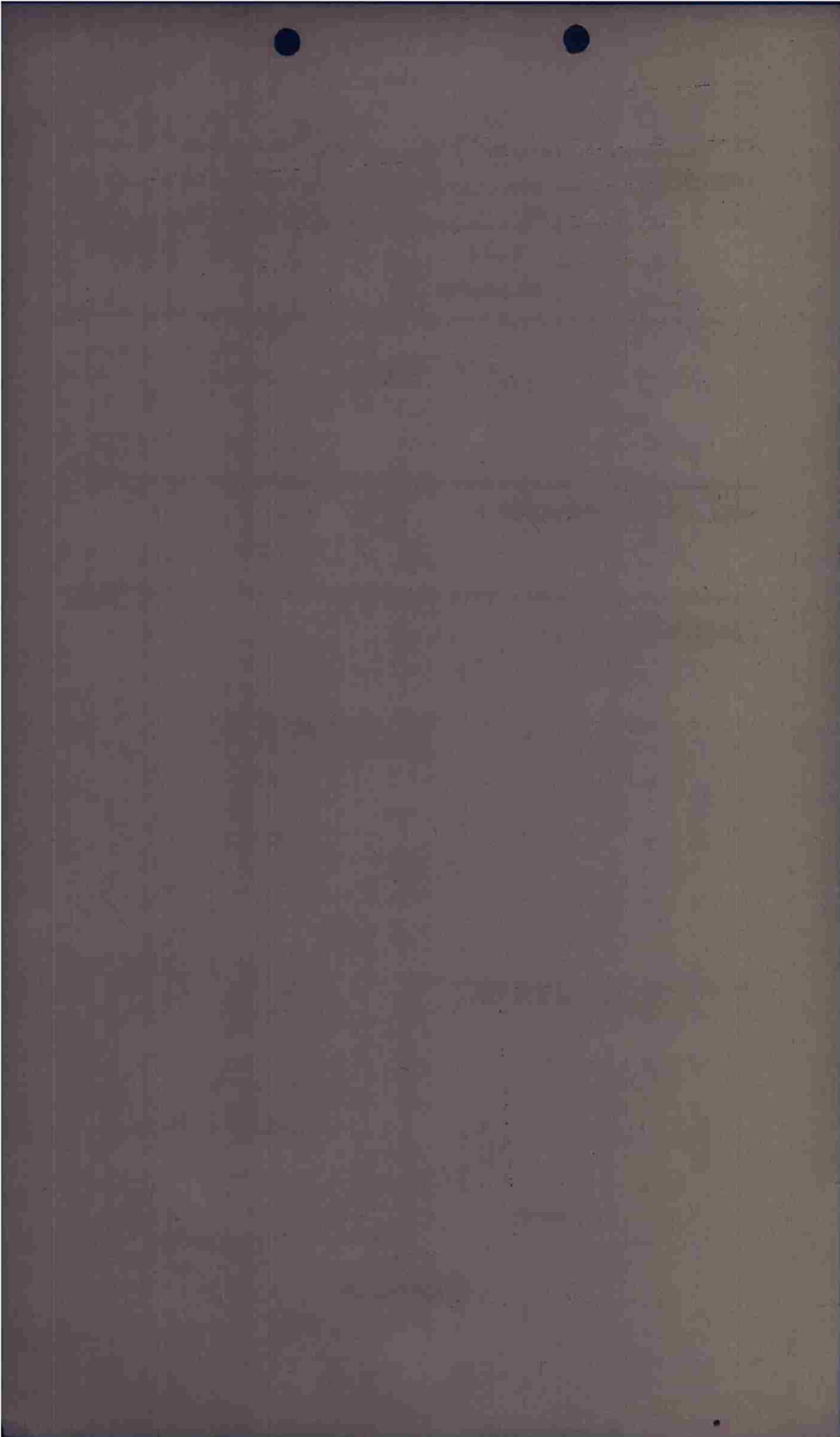
2 trucks 5 min before T/A - going west.

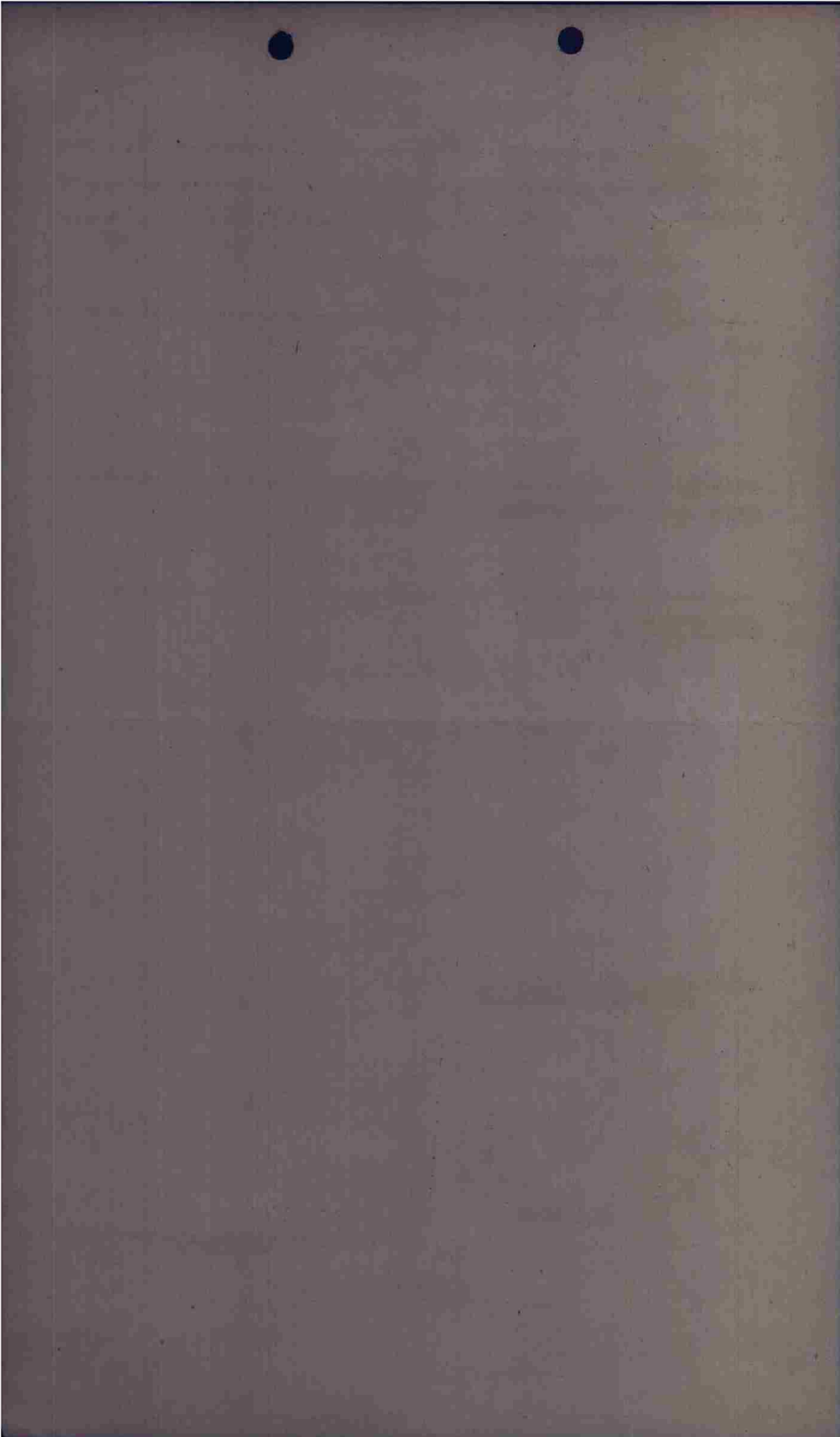
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PILOT Lackovich A/C# 490 BOX V FLT 1

CASUALTIES none

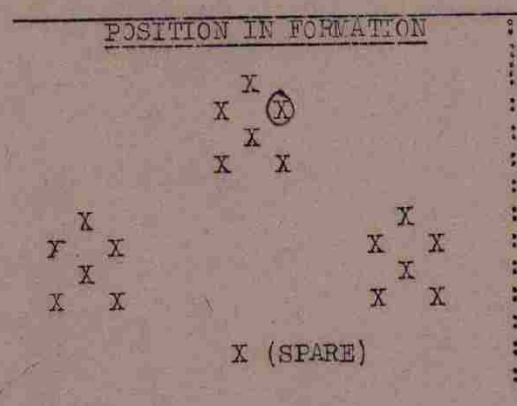
BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE			
<u>22</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>100</u>	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>X</u>		JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

FLAK : X H I - just after turn off target
windor helpful.
Evasive action ~~was~~ made adequate

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

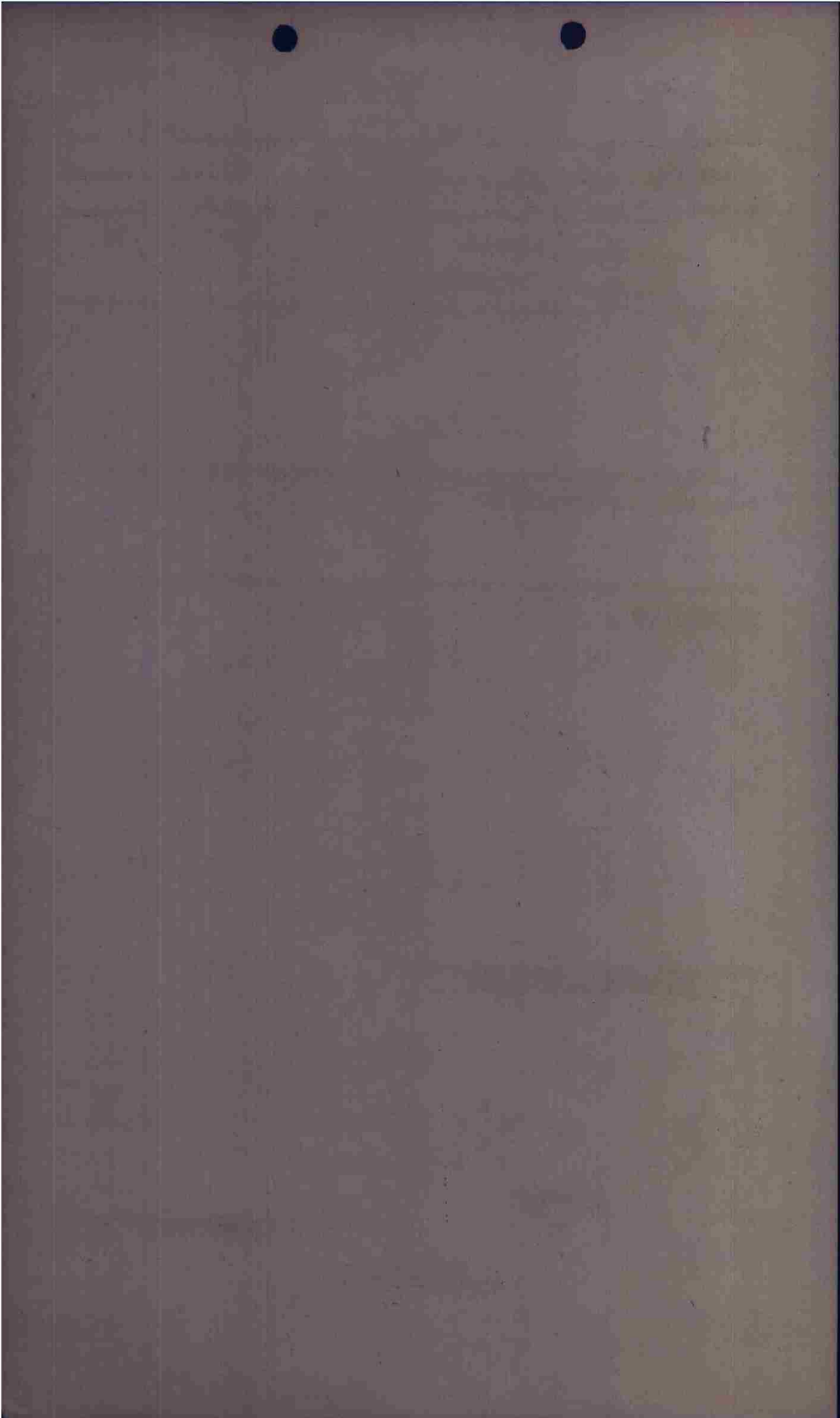
OBSERVATIONS :

(B/W at next briefing)



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PILOT Kenny A/C# 361 BOX I FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON		BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22 X 100</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>P.H. 4.</u>			
<u>X</u>		RETURNED			
<u>X</u>		JETTISONED			

FLAK : 14 bursts after turn + level off XH1
1 1/2 mi. after P.H. in - 15 bursts XH1 - very much

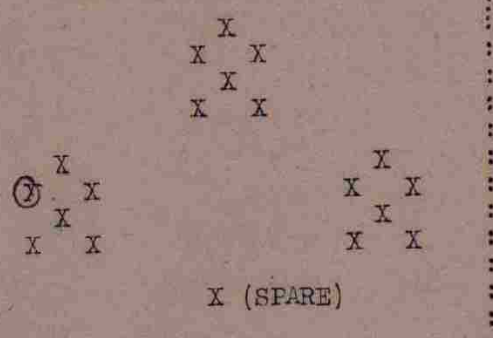
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Spits

OBSERVATIONS :

some hit at end of P.H. in
with S shaped road
7 truck company going east - at I.P.
white balls - 1152 - ^{mostly} over town + west
up to 1159 - also varied - no damage
size of snow ball.
balloons - seemed to be moving.
one gas truck coming off T/A

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PILOT Wallace A/C# 334 BOX ✓ FLT 1

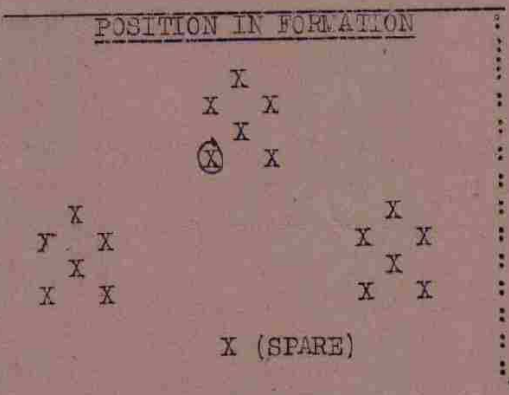
CASUALTIES none

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>20</u> X <u>100</u>			✓		
<u>2</u> X					
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED				

FLAK : 6 to 8 bursts as crossed bomb line
6 bursts low + in rear of
turn off tgt. 10 o'clock - accurate after

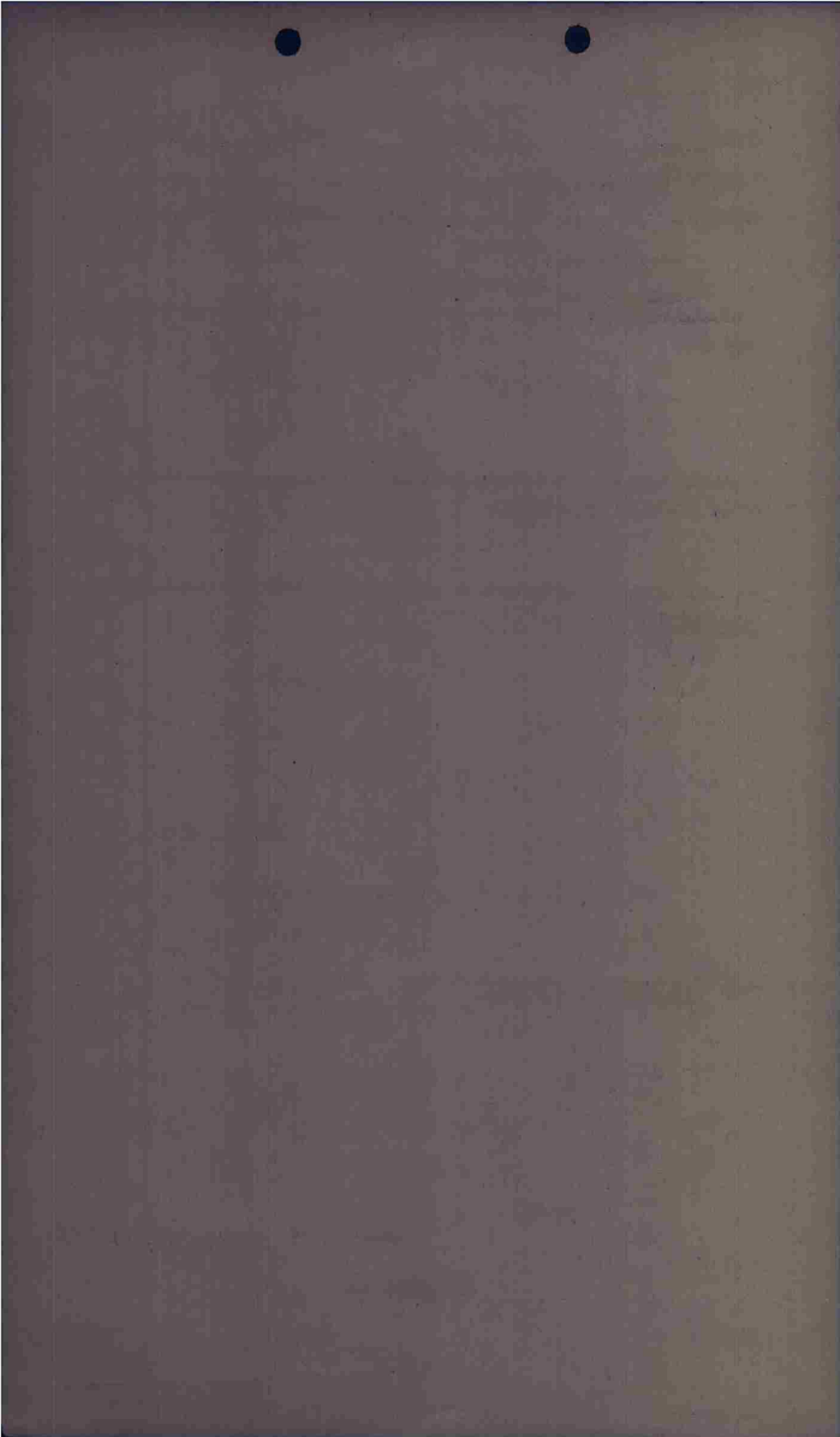
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
none

OBSERVATIONS :
Station 526a
Weather - Scattered - 6/10 cover
& low -



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PILOT Roberts A/C# 321 BOX 4 FLT 2

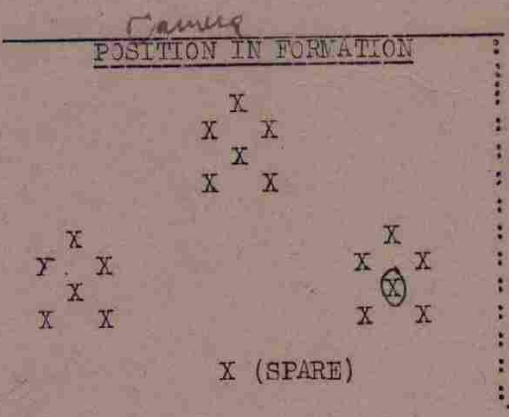
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>22 X/100</u>				
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : Tgt MHA
Two off MHA

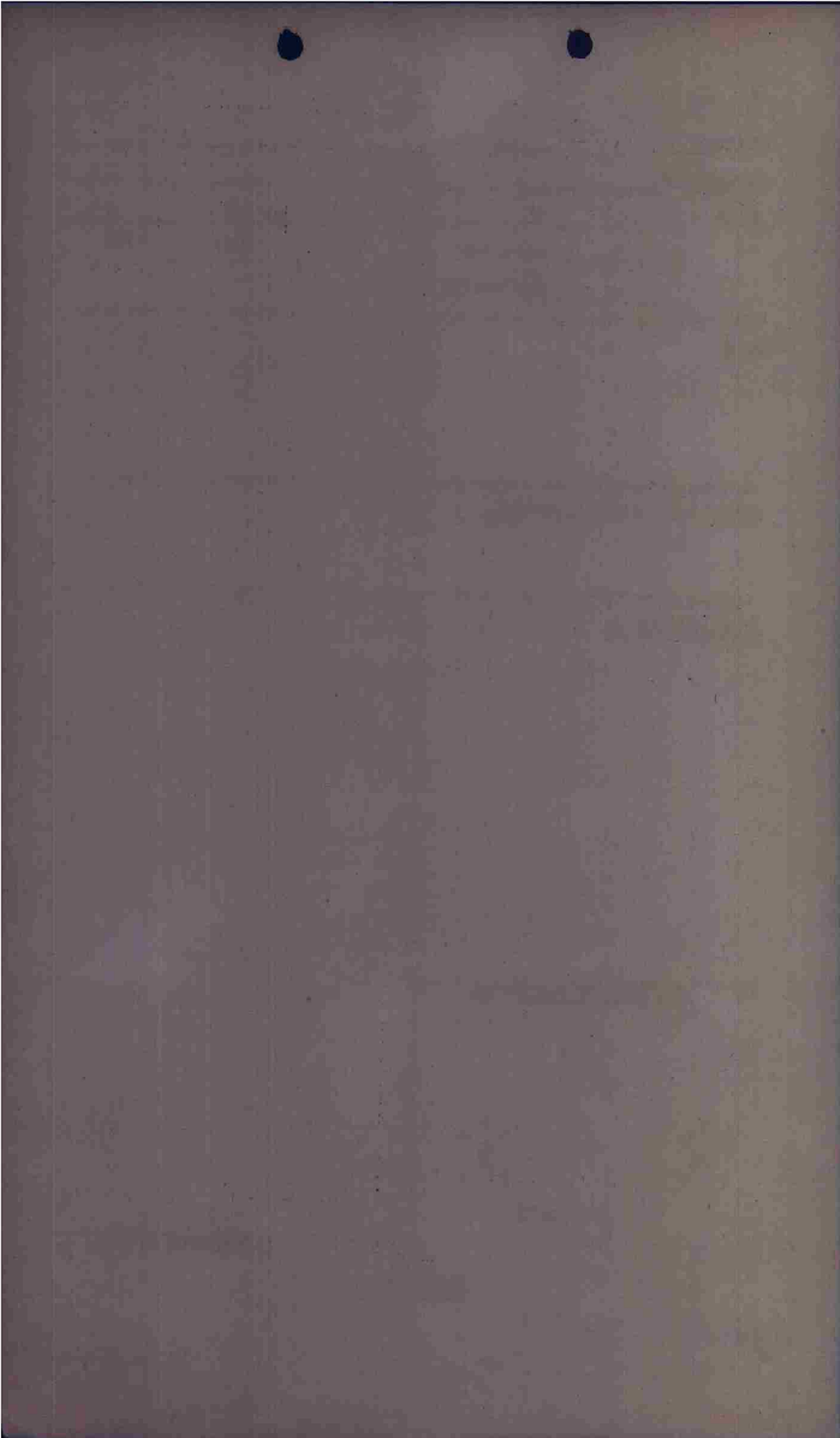
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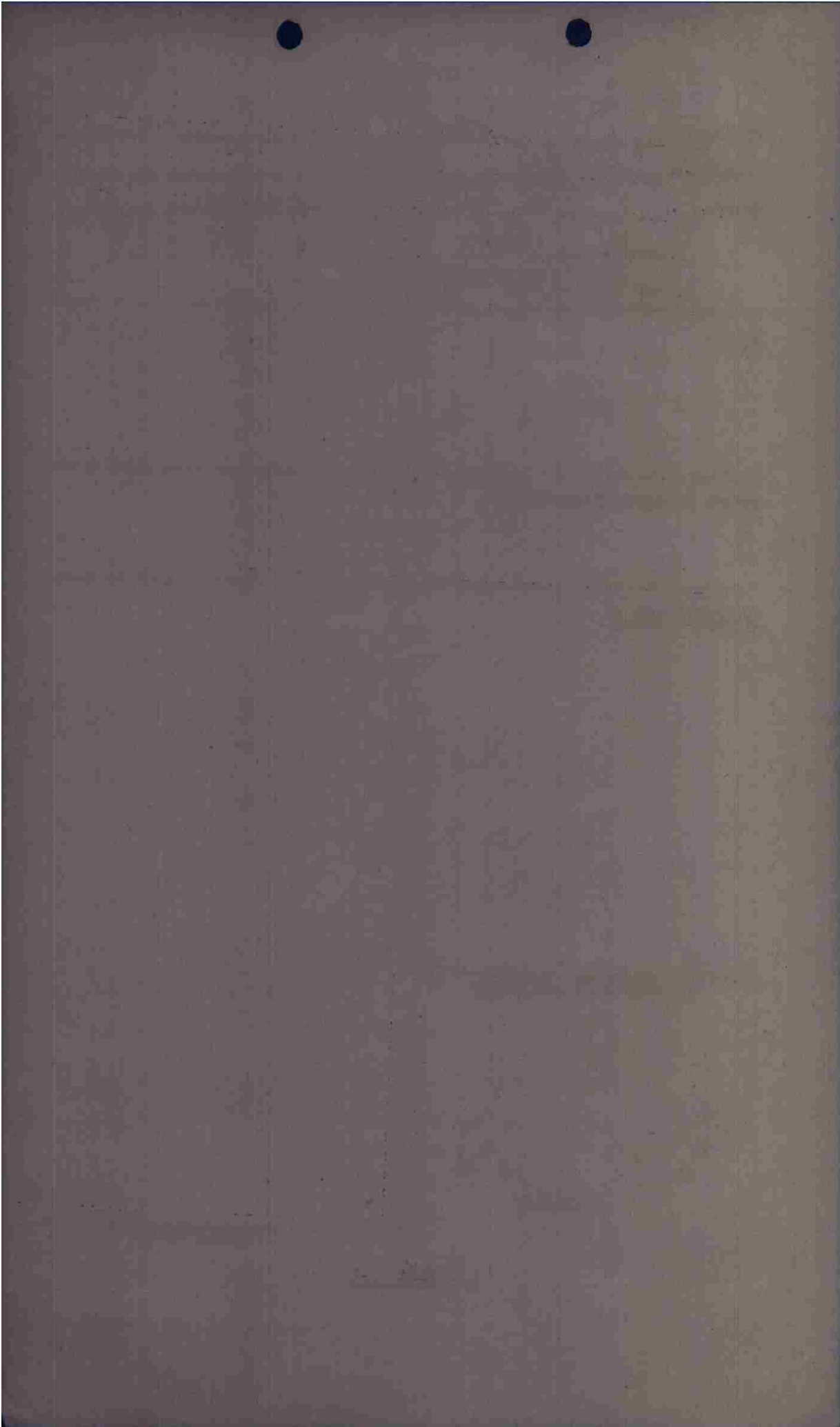
OBSERVATIONS :



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PILOT Mathanson A/C# 259 BOX I FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22 X 100</u>					
<u>X</u>					
<u>X</u>					

FLAK : MHIA Turret T9T
1/2" after MHA.
W141A

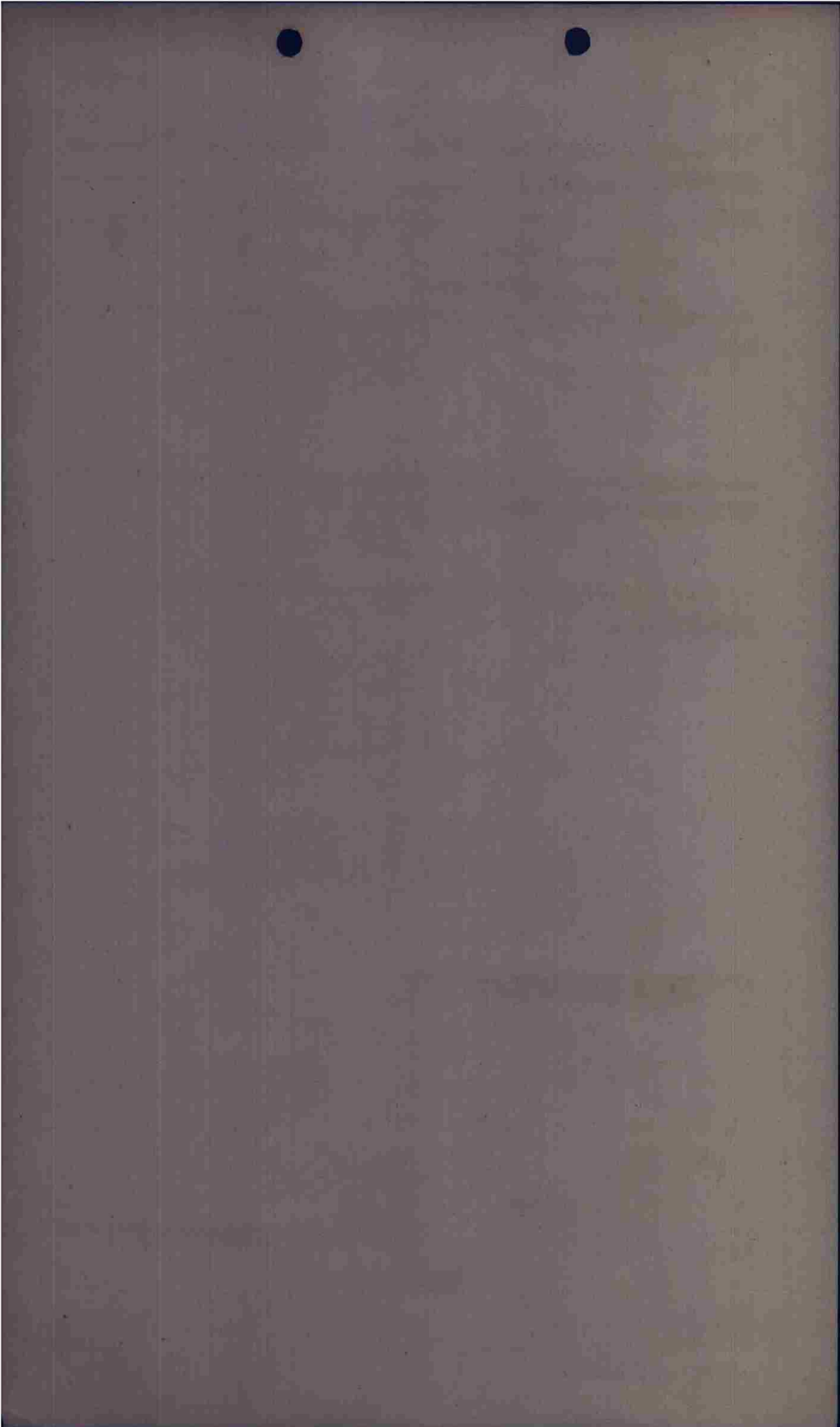
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS : _____



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PILOT Cannon A/C# 389 BOX ✓ FLT 3

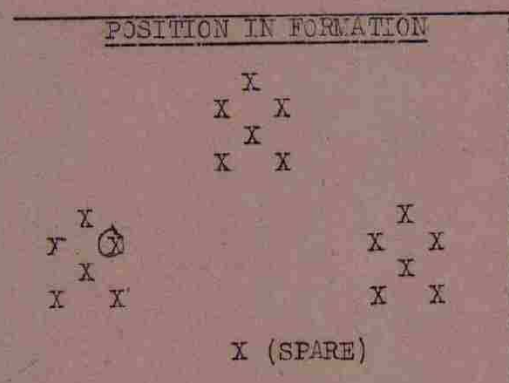
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22 X 100</u>				
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : MHA - Turnoff
1/2' after MHA
FR WMA

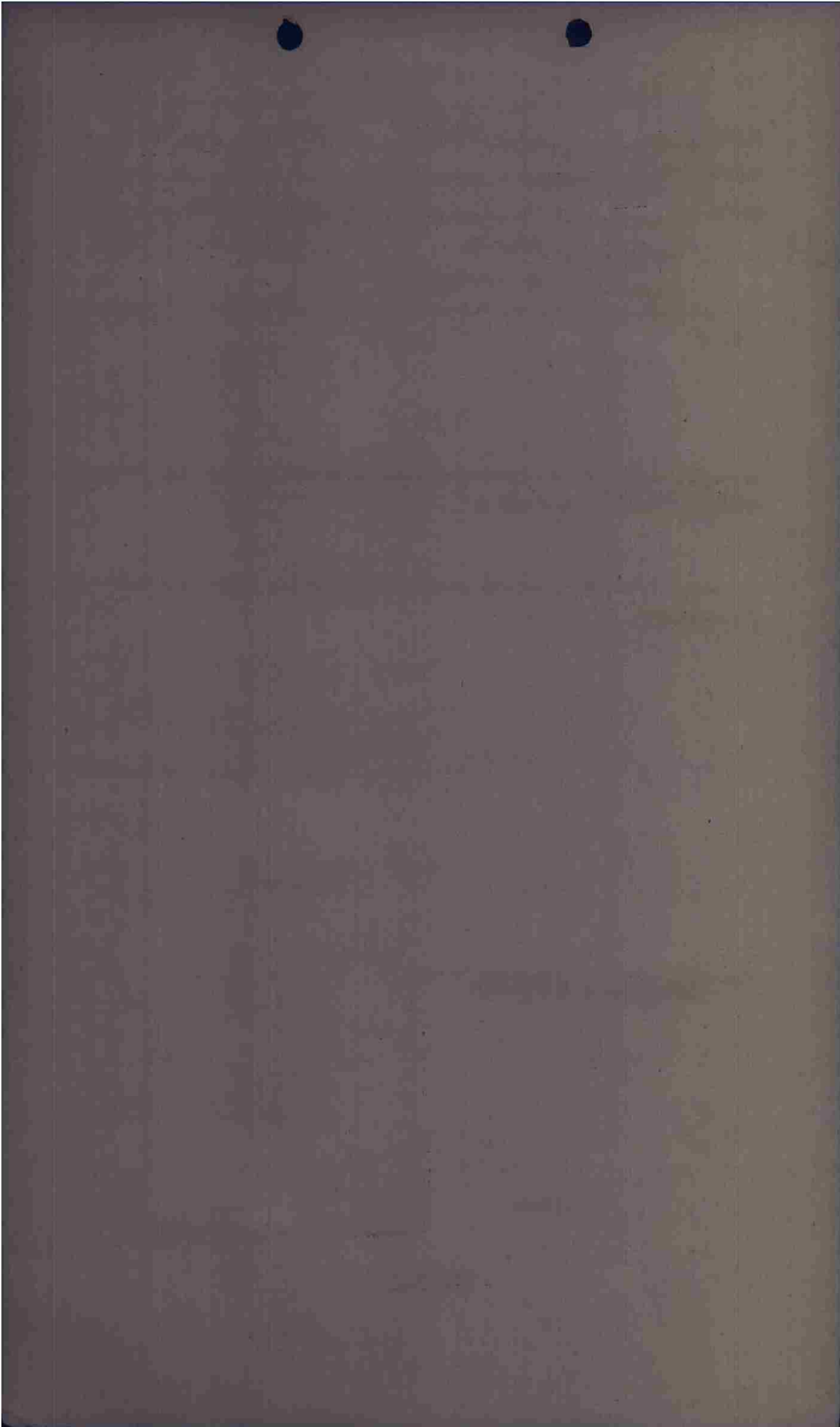
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : _____

OBSERVATIONS : bombs observed intact



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PILOT Blevins A/C# 385 BOX X FLT 2

CASUALTIES

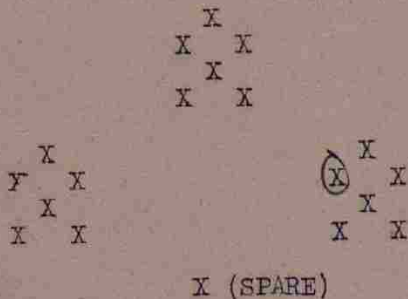
BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON	:	:	:
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK : WNA off Tgt

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

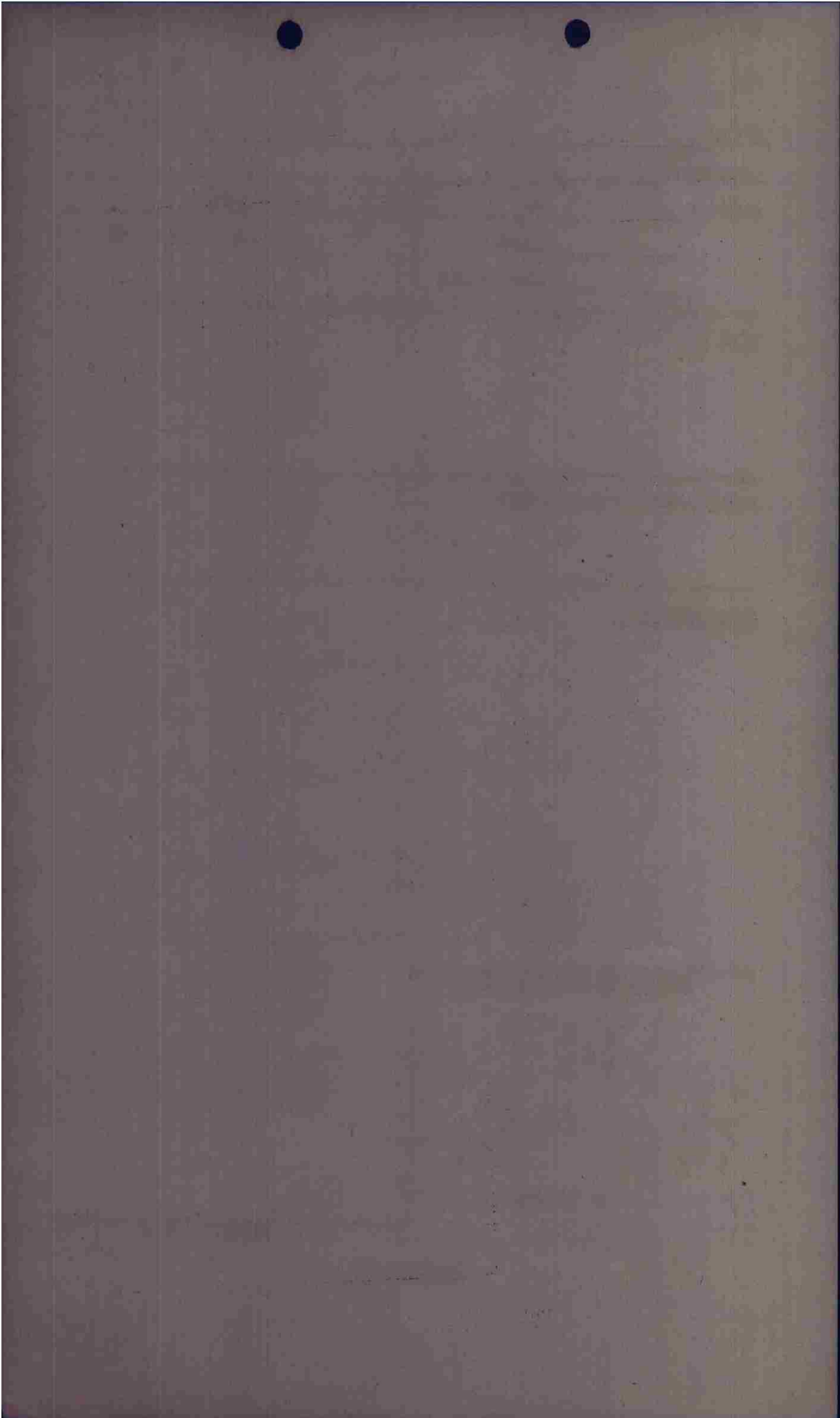
OBSERVATIONS :

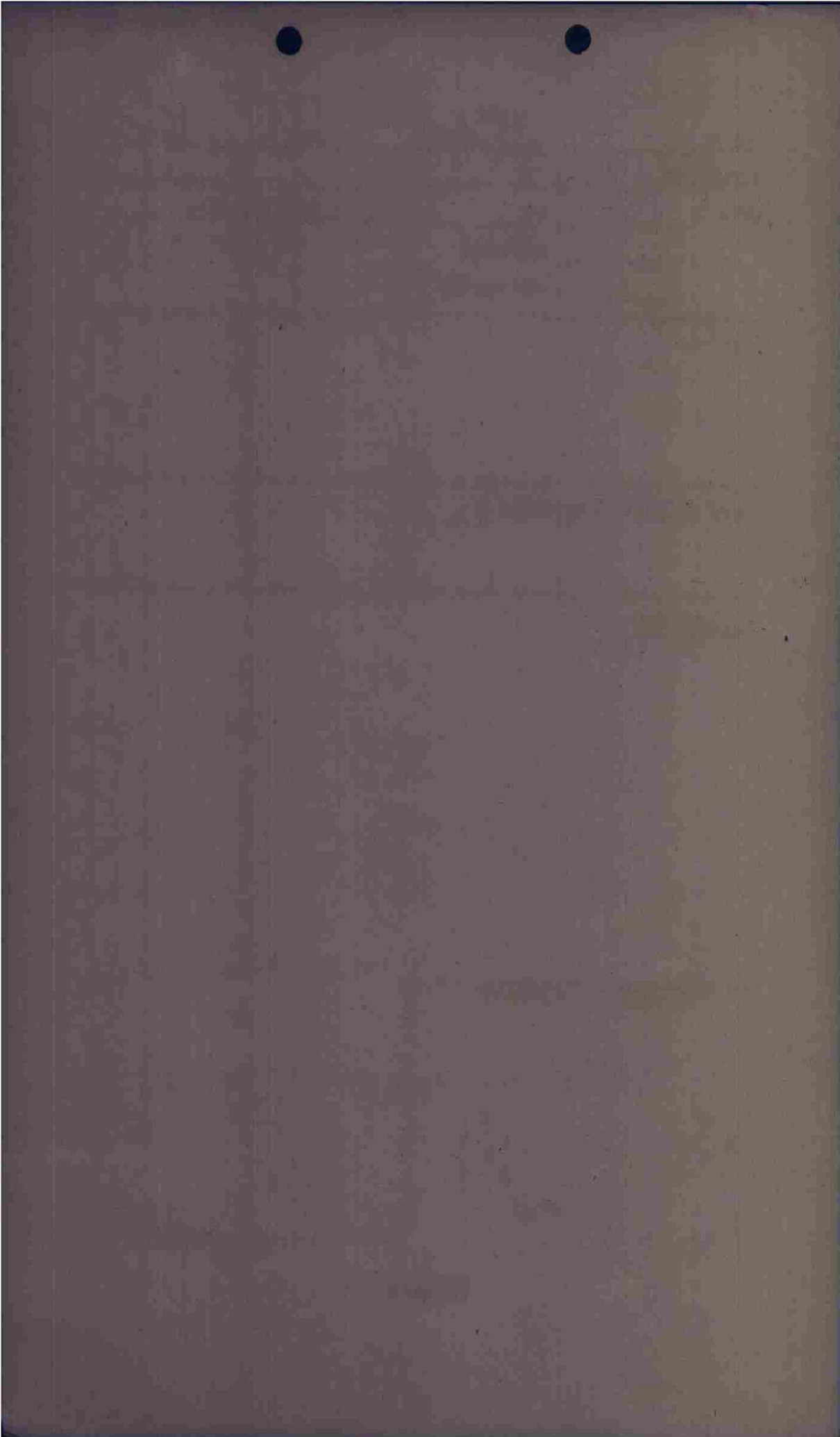
POSITION IN FORMATION

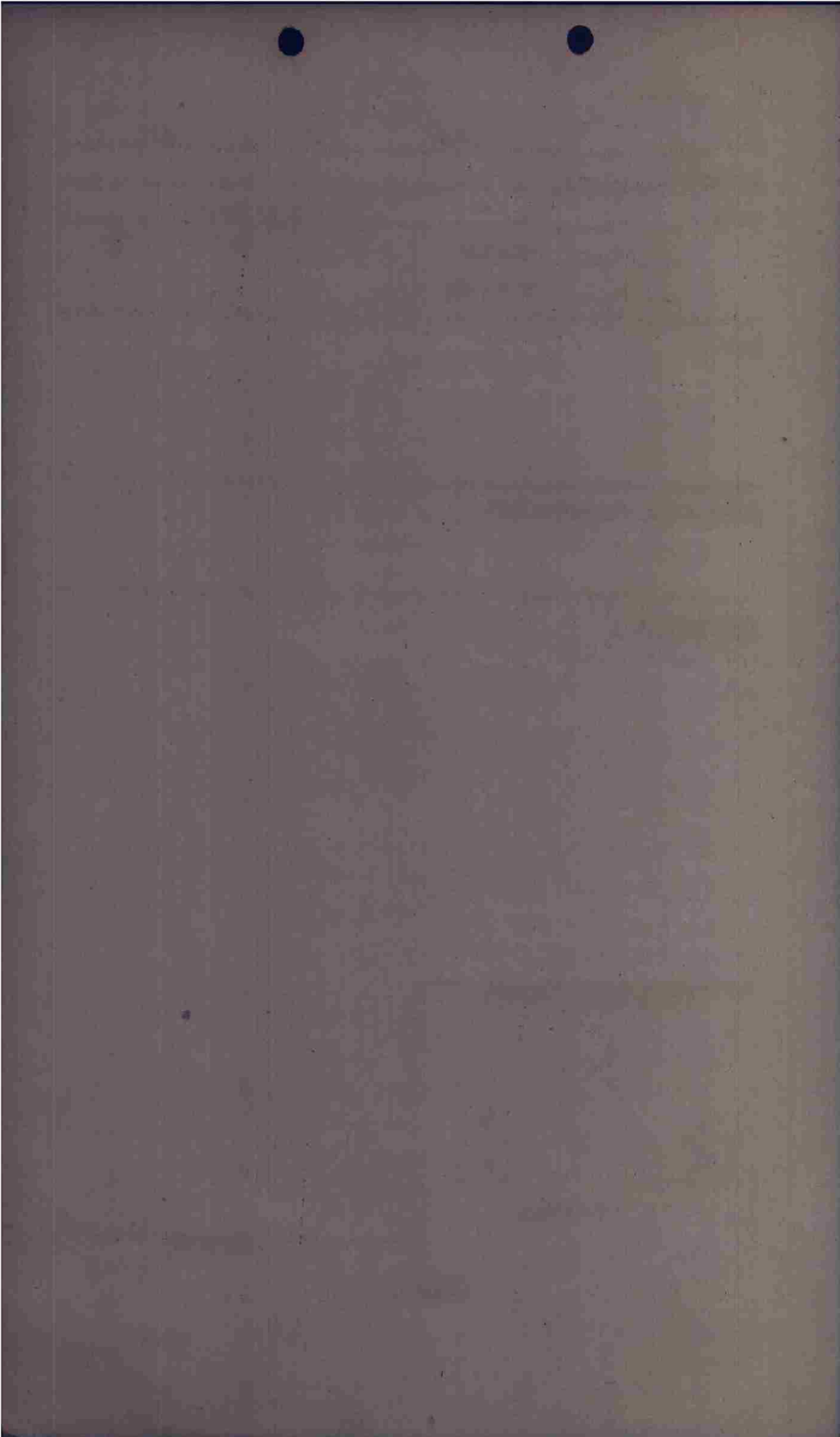


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PILOT Ferris A/C# 528 BOX II FLT 1

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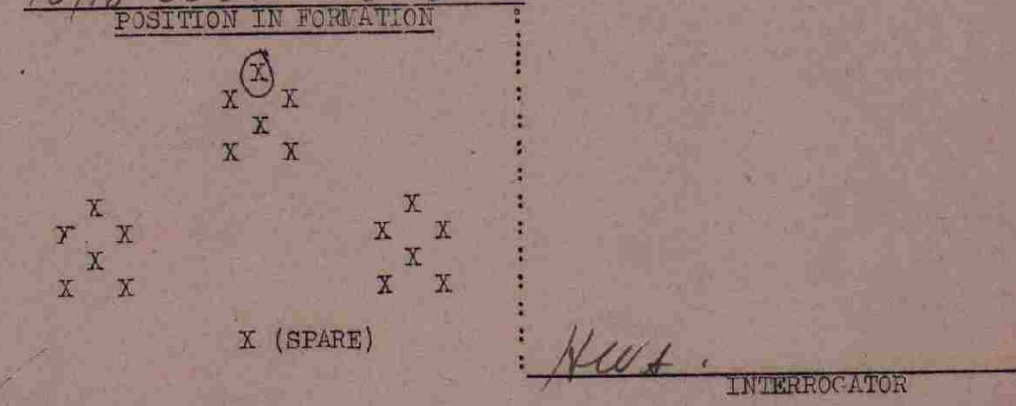
BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22 X 100</u>	<u>ON PFF</u> <u>Head Me.</u>				
<u>X</u>					
<u>X</u>					

FLAK : X-XX #1 on turn off target for first
five minutes back.

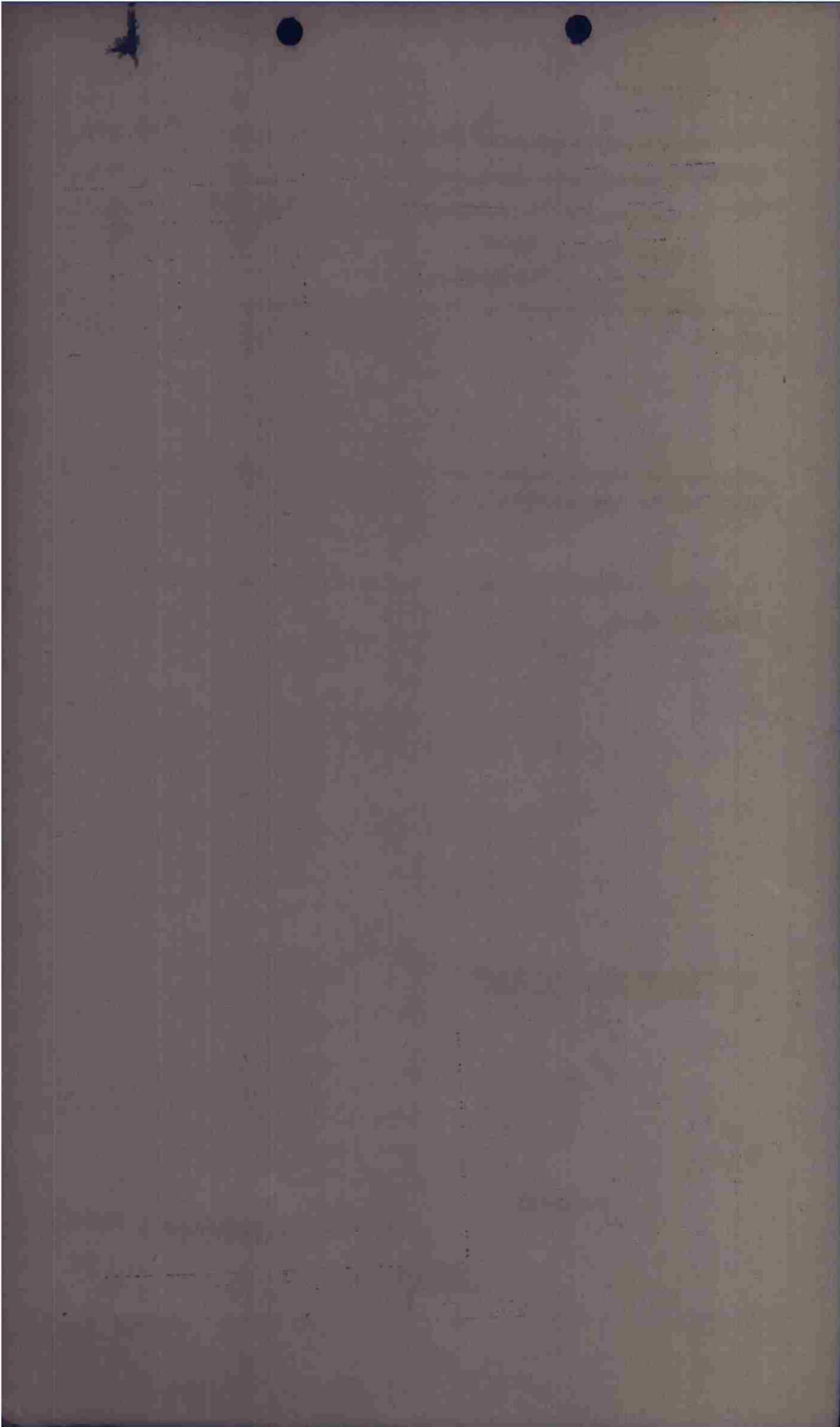
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

bombs on NW edge of A/S.
t.o.t. - 1212 Z
alt = 8700
speed 210
head - 116°
3-4% low clouds
scud and haze.
10/10 clouds at 12000



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PILOT Milhorn A/C# 237 BOX IV FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOBBS		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
<u>22</u>	X/00	<u>5 Miles</u>	
X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C" "E"
X	JETTISONED		

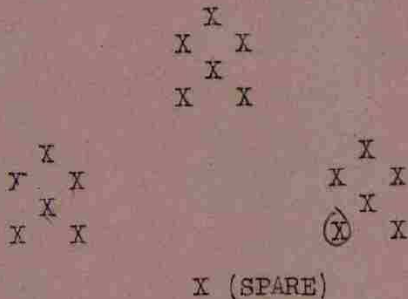
FLAK : XHL 1 minute off target -
XHL to right while circling on
other side of bombline.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

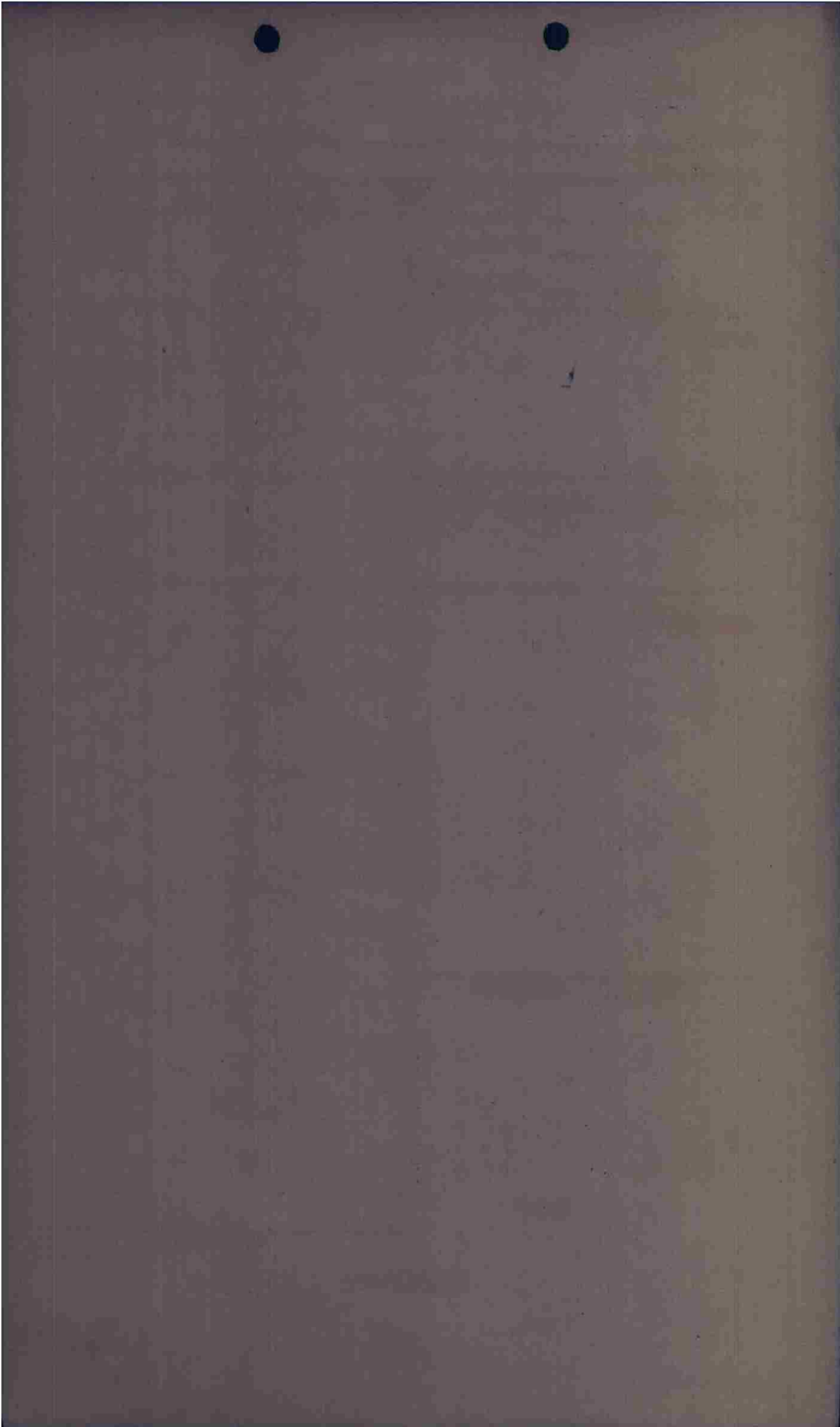
no obs.
3/10 cloud cover. Hazy on ground.

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PILOT Hixon A/C# 300 BOX II FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	P	BATTLE DAMAGE		
				"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X		RETURNED	:	:	:
	X		JETTISONED	:	:	:

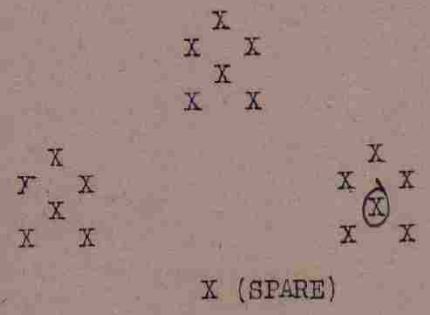
FLAK :
Prop - X4 & II - XH1 -
just after Bombs away
also at abt 7.R. (unacc)

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

cloud 13000 - 10000
Bureau - SQ. Broken
7/10
Scattered hic do 2/10
at target
5-10/10 other

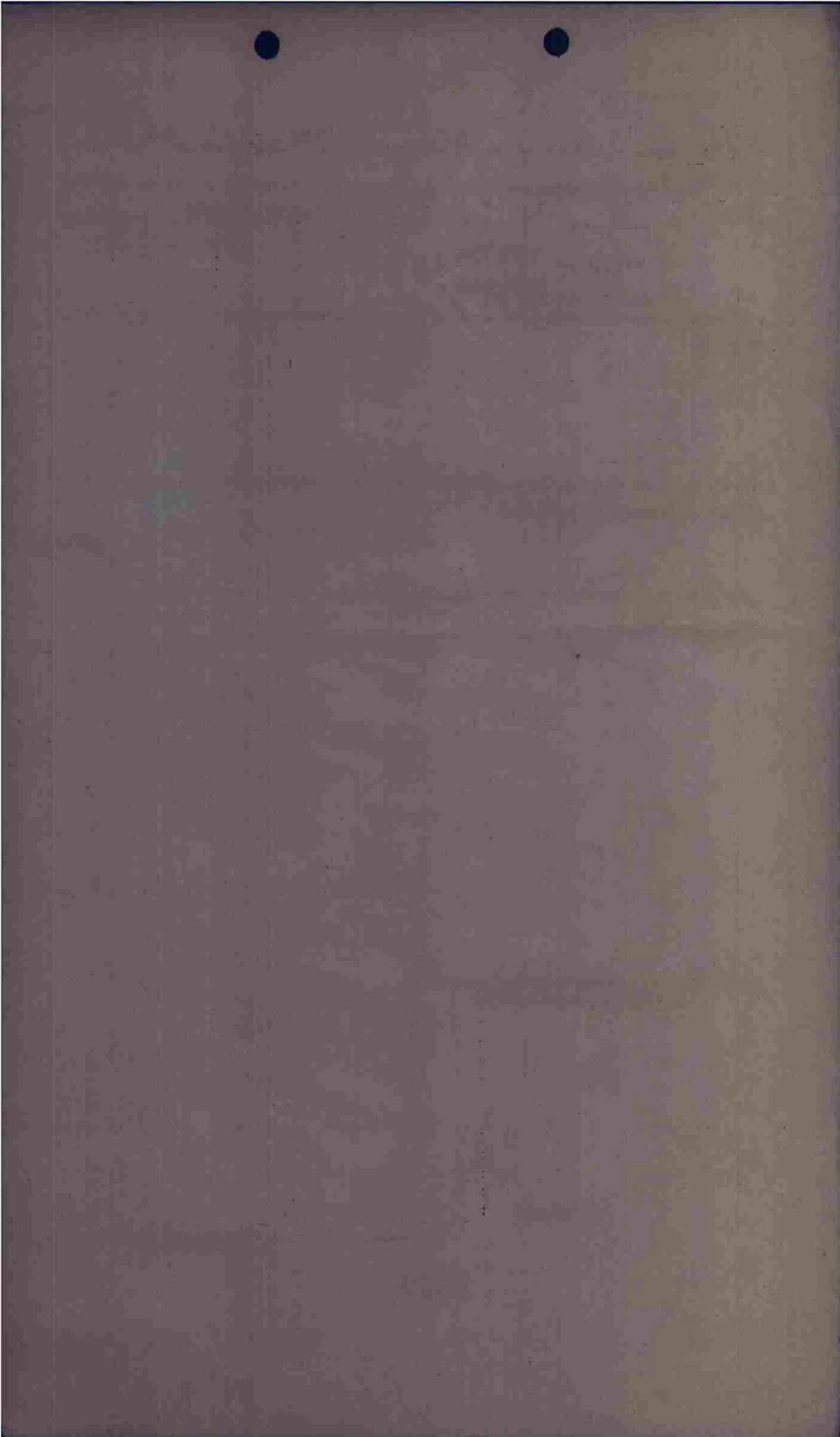
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Field was lit
4 above runway

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PILOT Hall A/C# 507 BOX II FLT 1

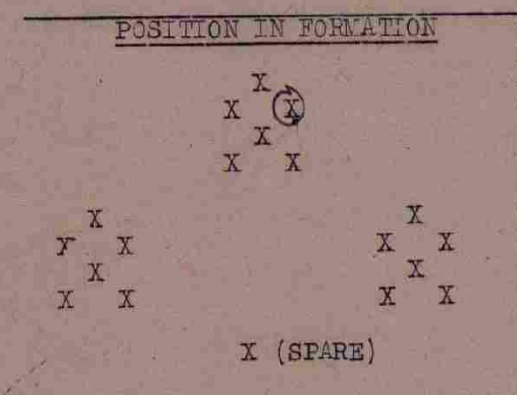
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u>	<u>X 100</u>	<u>ON Pr</u>			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XX HI
As bombs away & for 3 minutes

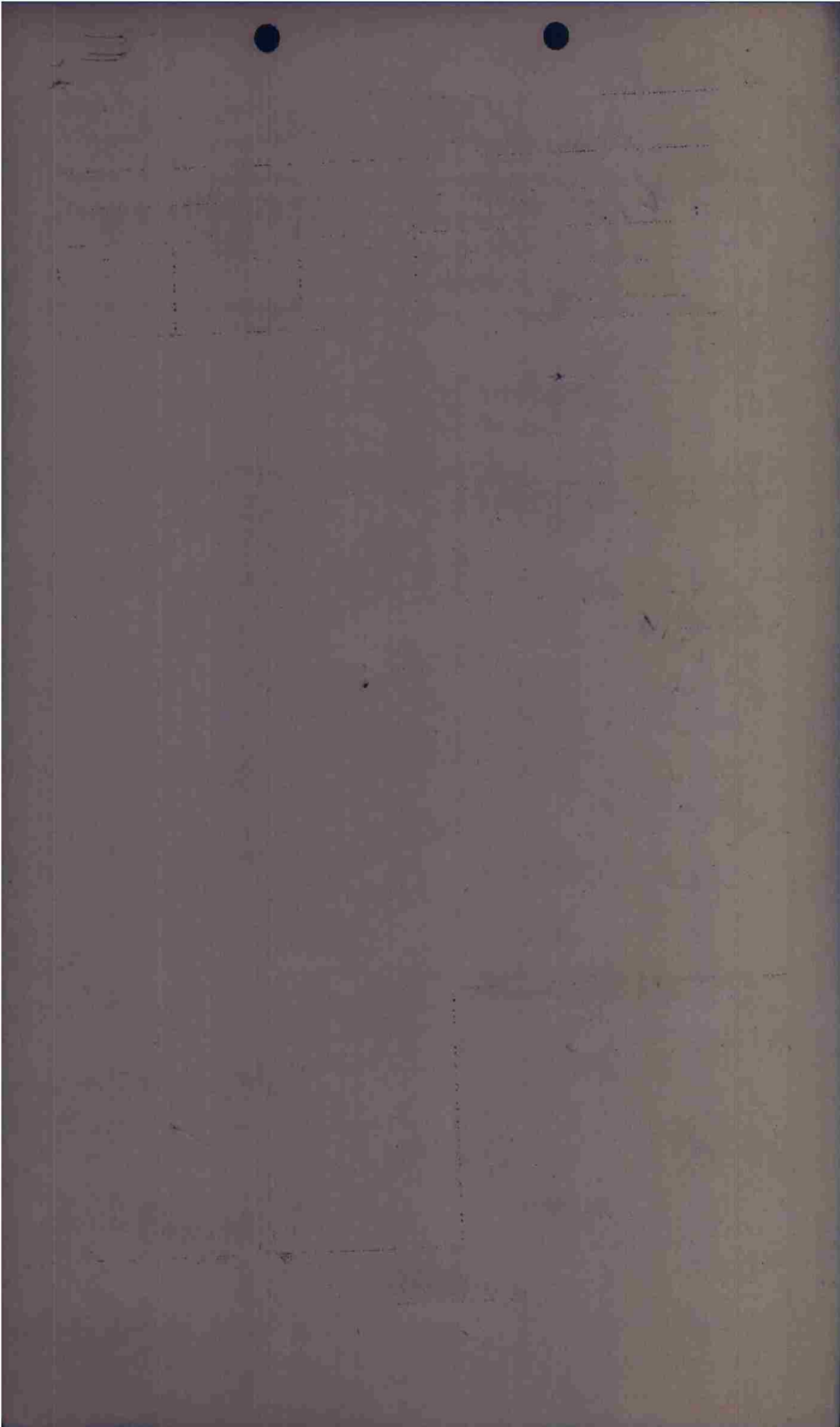
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
None

OBSERVATIONS :
*TOT 1215
head 110
Alt 9500
AAS. 200
Weather - busy
Bombed at 9500
Poor P.P.F. lead
climb 150 M.P.H
1500 per min - at 9000
Halted on three lines to boost speed
No observation as to results due to cloud cover
W.P.*



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PILOT Poppeney A/C# 223 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u>	<u>X/100</u>	<u>PT</u>			
X		RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

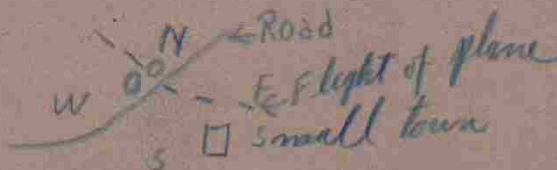
FLAK : *Light to moderate inaccurate on sight as turnoff target.*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

At 1208 two large canisters believe storage tanks both camouflaged.



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    (X)
     X X

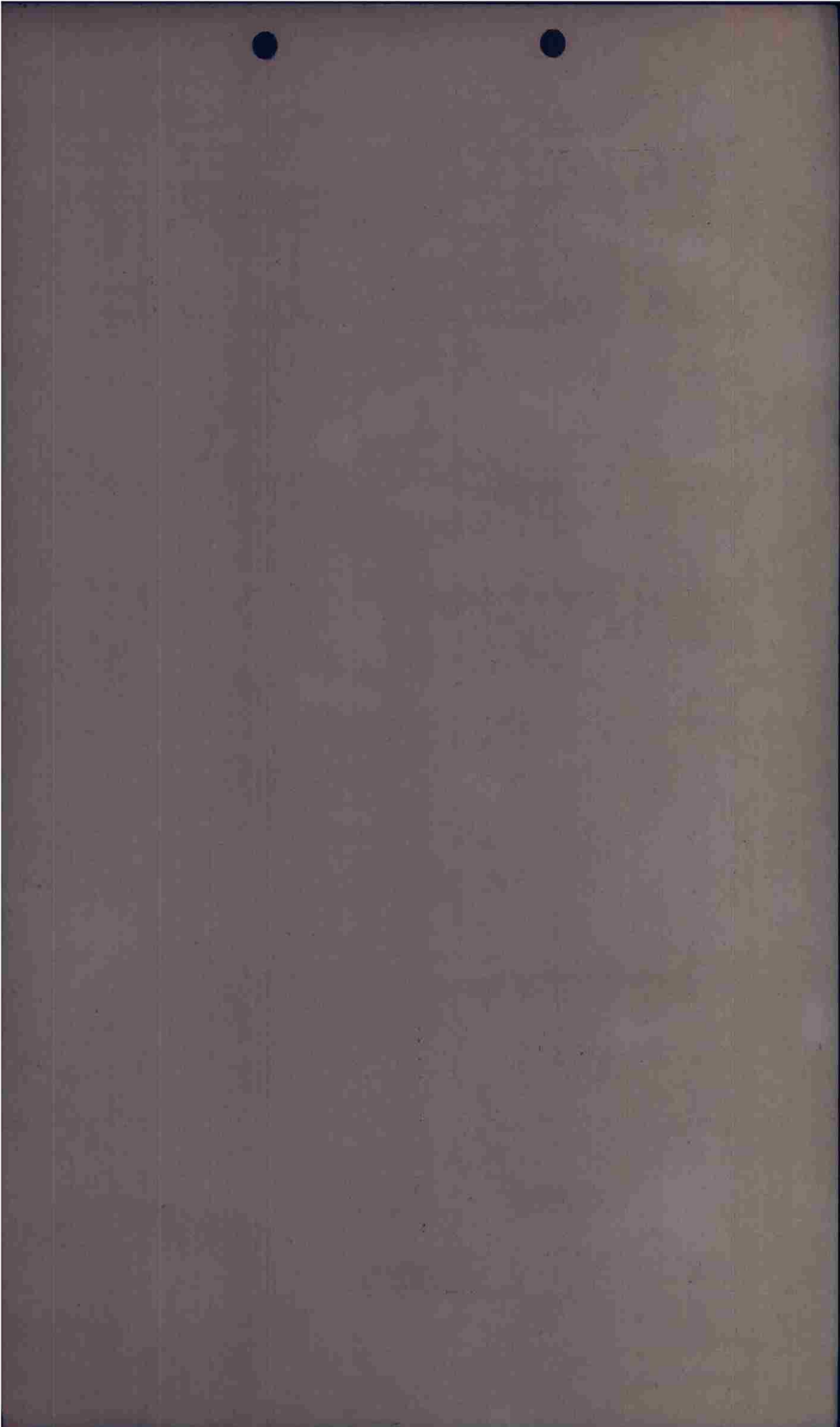
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 Y X         X X
  X           X
 X X         X X

      X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT Blomgren A/C# 192 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>1000</u>	<u>P.T.</u>				
X					
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : *scattered on turn off TR-XH1 on course back, more that tracked formation fairly accurate in Box 2 Flt. 1 (4 gun pos)*

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

X Spits

OBSERVATIONS :

dropped long-overfield when B. away.

1206. train - smoking

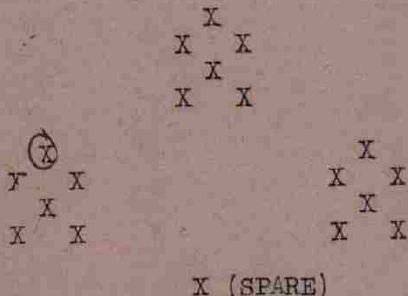
TOT 1213

ALT. 9200

IAS 210

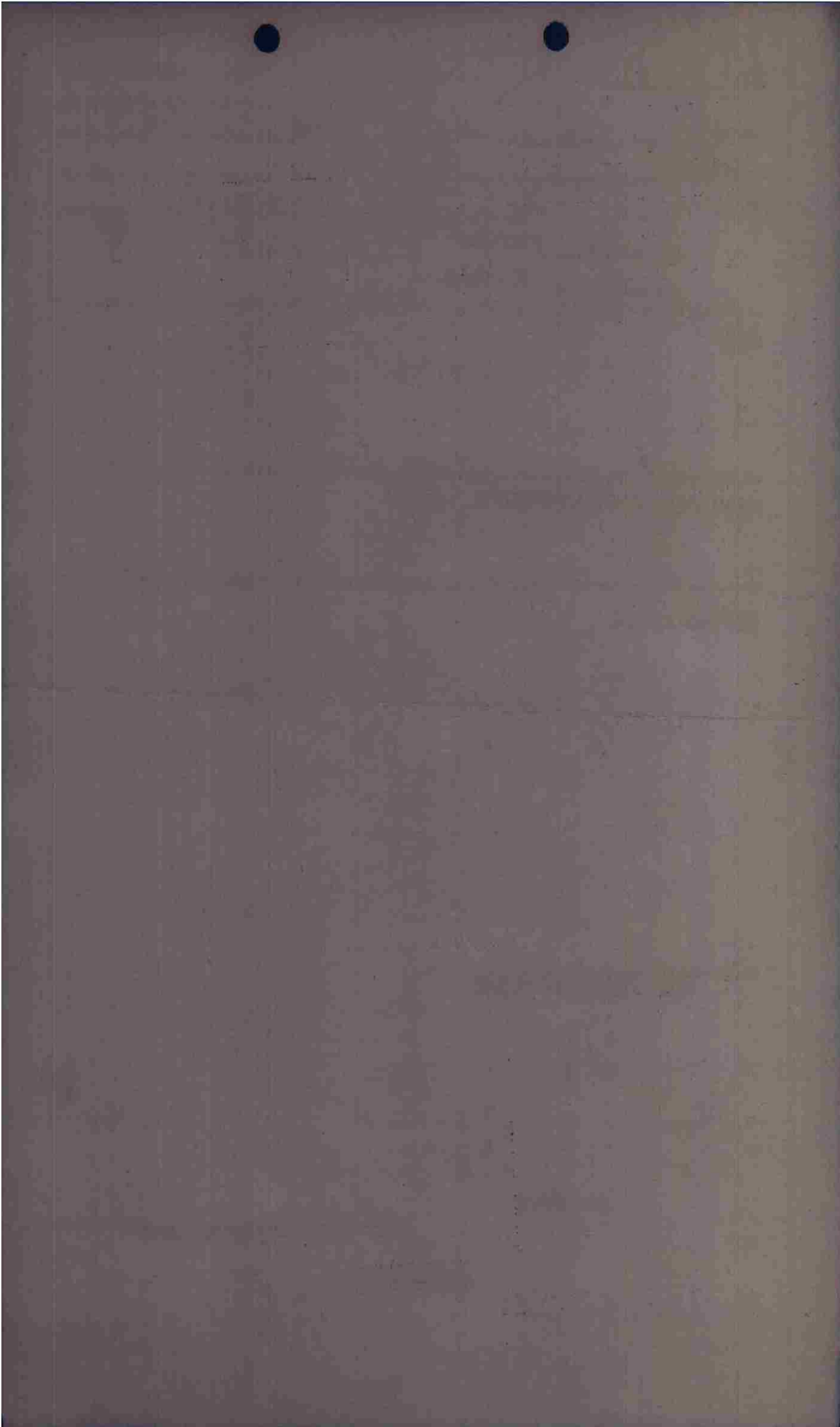
N.H. 1130

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PILOT Musgrove A/C# 330 BOX IV FLT 1

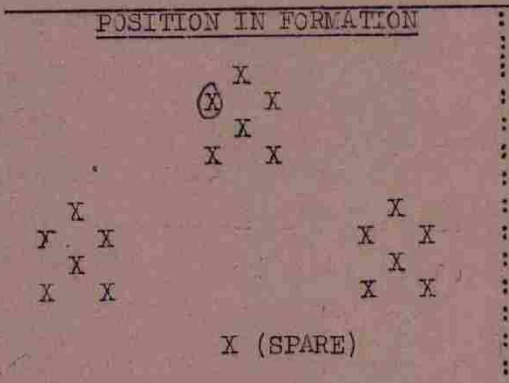
CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>22</u> X <u>100</u> ON <u>P.P.F.</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED	:	:	:
X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK : *en. train off TA-20 burst & 20 burst
or hit 20 burst. XH1 although not related
B. Below*

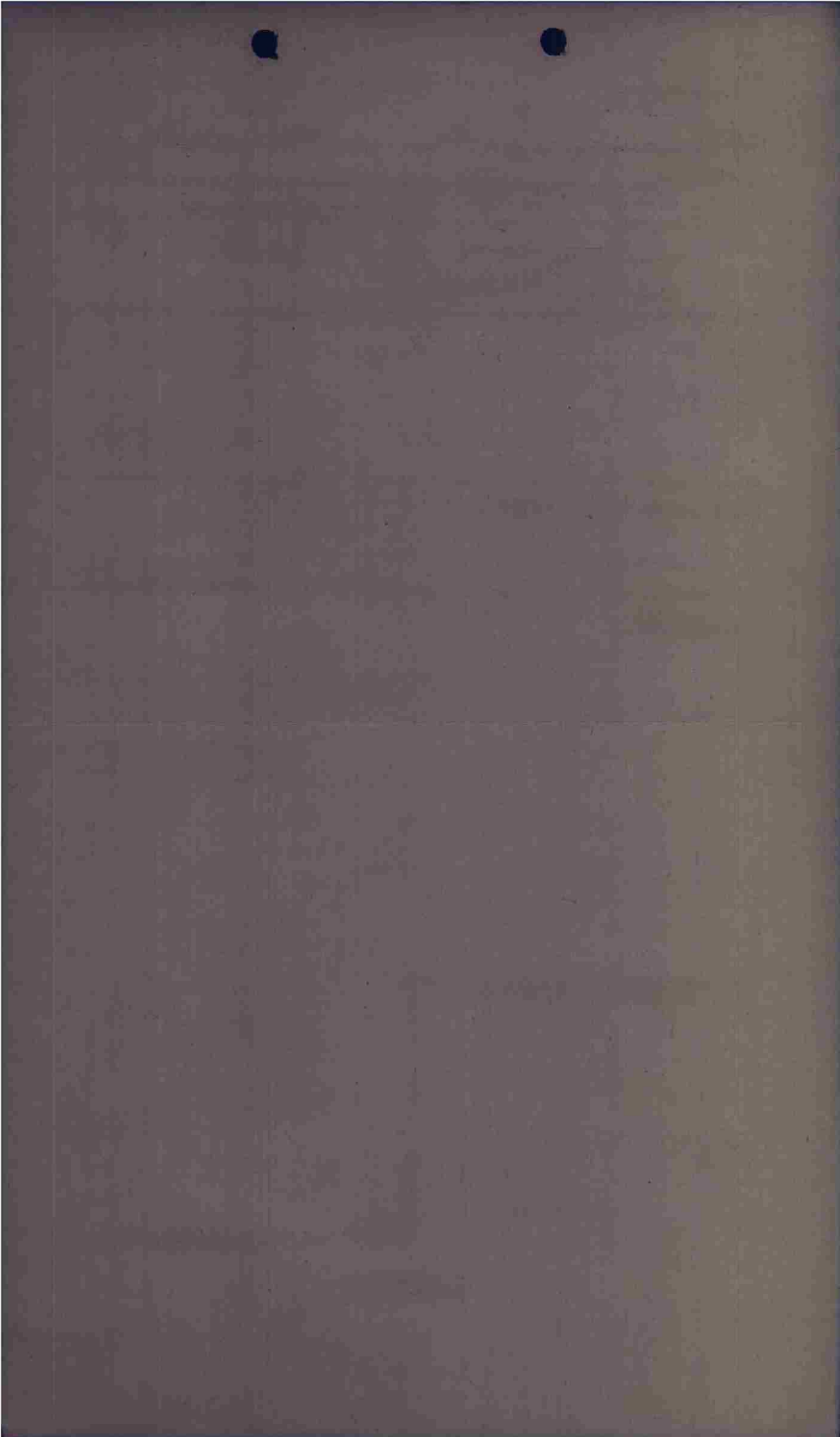
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS : *[Handwritten mark]*

OBSERVATIONS : *many old burst on W. edge of TA*



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PILOT Willard A/C# 351 BOX IV FLT 3

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	ON	Pr	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED		<u>None</u>		

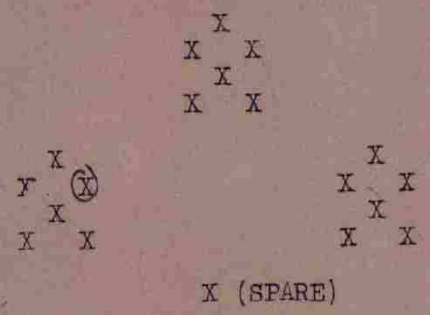
FLAK : 1140 - 10 bursts - behind -
at target - high & to rear - when
Bombs away -
accurate after 1 minute after burst

Bursts heavy

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
None

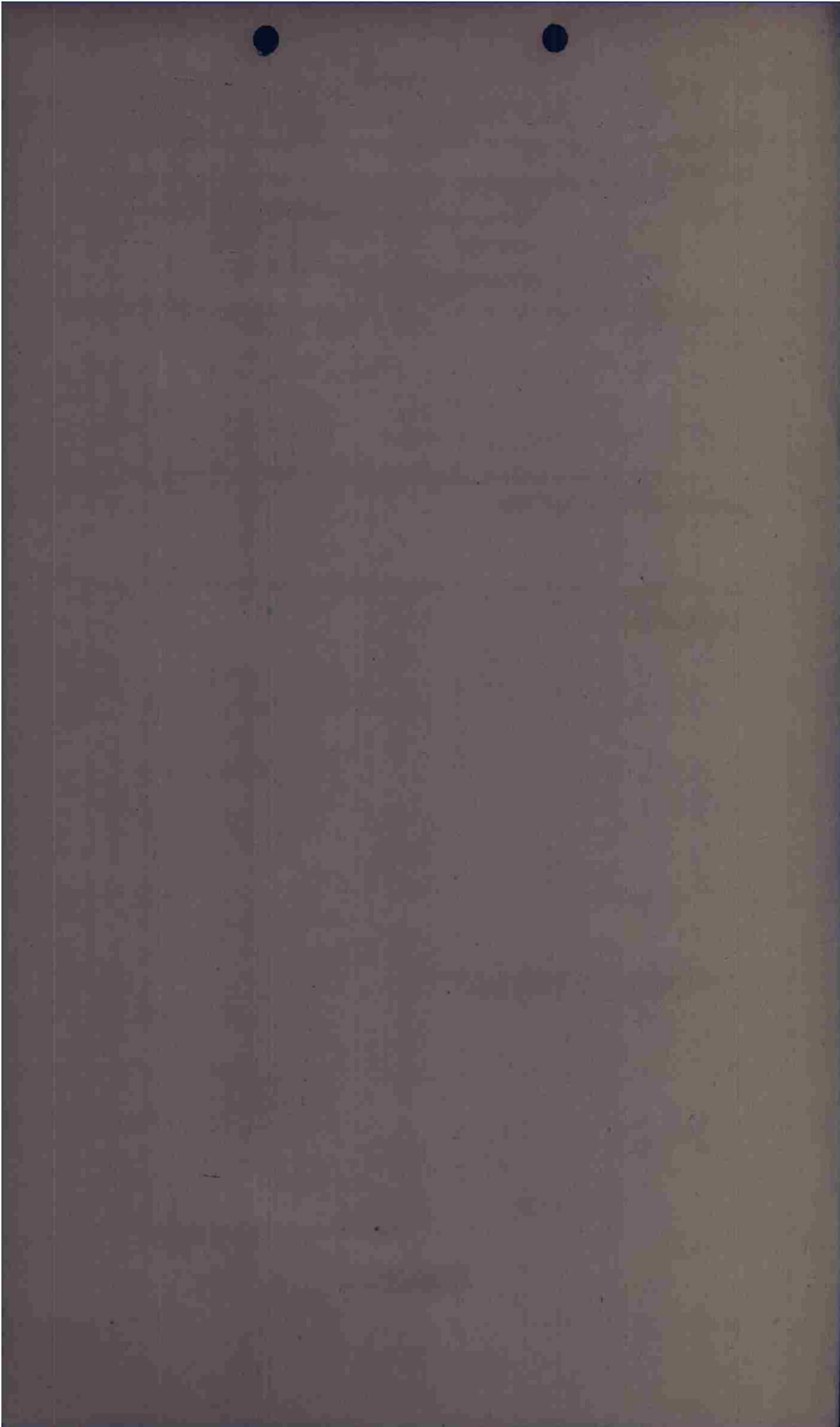
OBSERVATIONS :

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PILOT Weinert A/C# 354 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>				
X				
X				

FLAK : 10 Bursts at Fighter Rend
After Bombs down ~~XX HA~~

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :
None

OBSERVATIONS :

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

  X   X
  X   X
  X   X

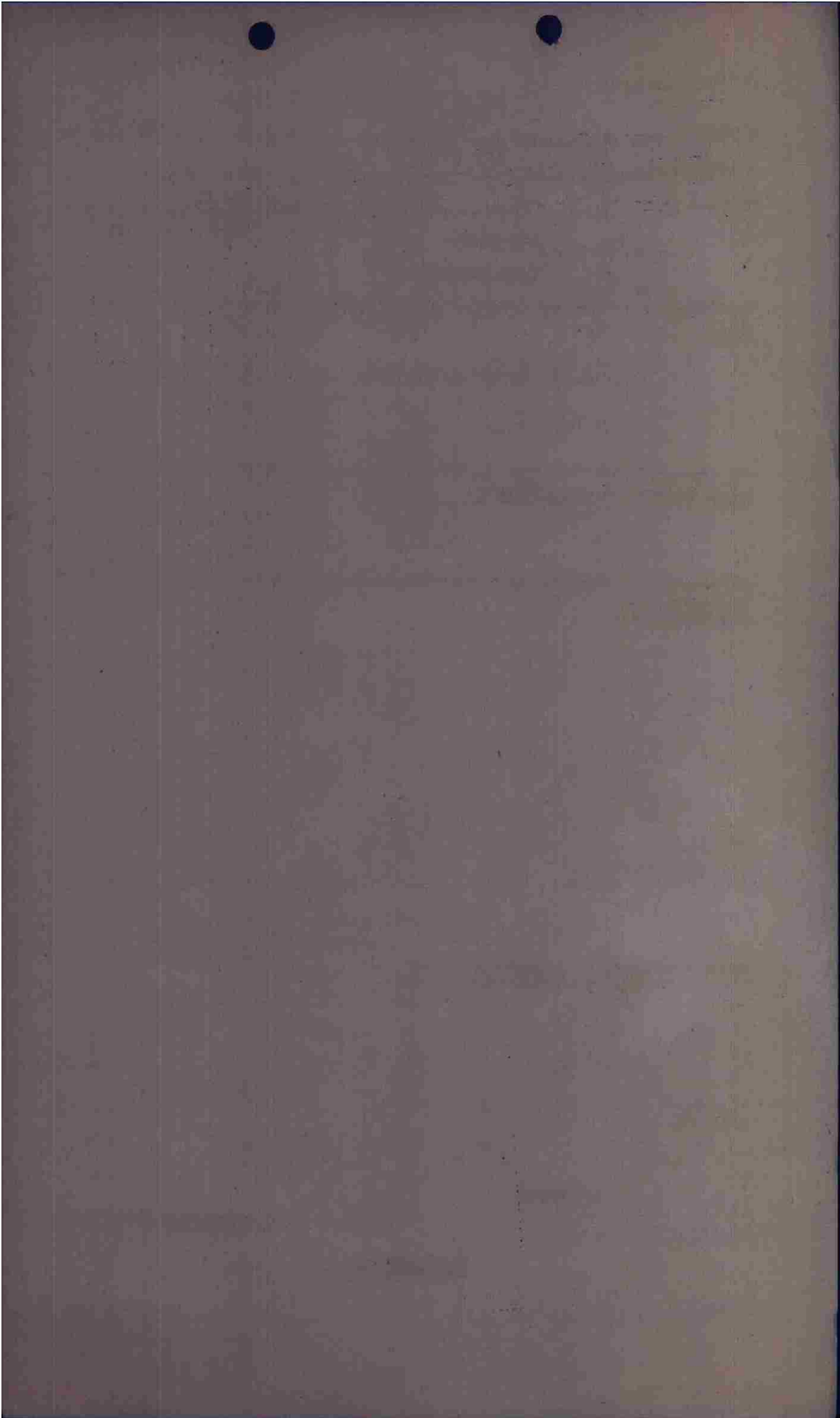
X (SPARE)

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PILOT Miller A/C# 332 BOX II FLT 2

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>22</u> X <u>100</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE
	X	RETURNED	"A" : "A-C" : "E"
	X	JETTISONED	<u>None</u>

FLAK : at tgt + turn off - 68 bursts

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

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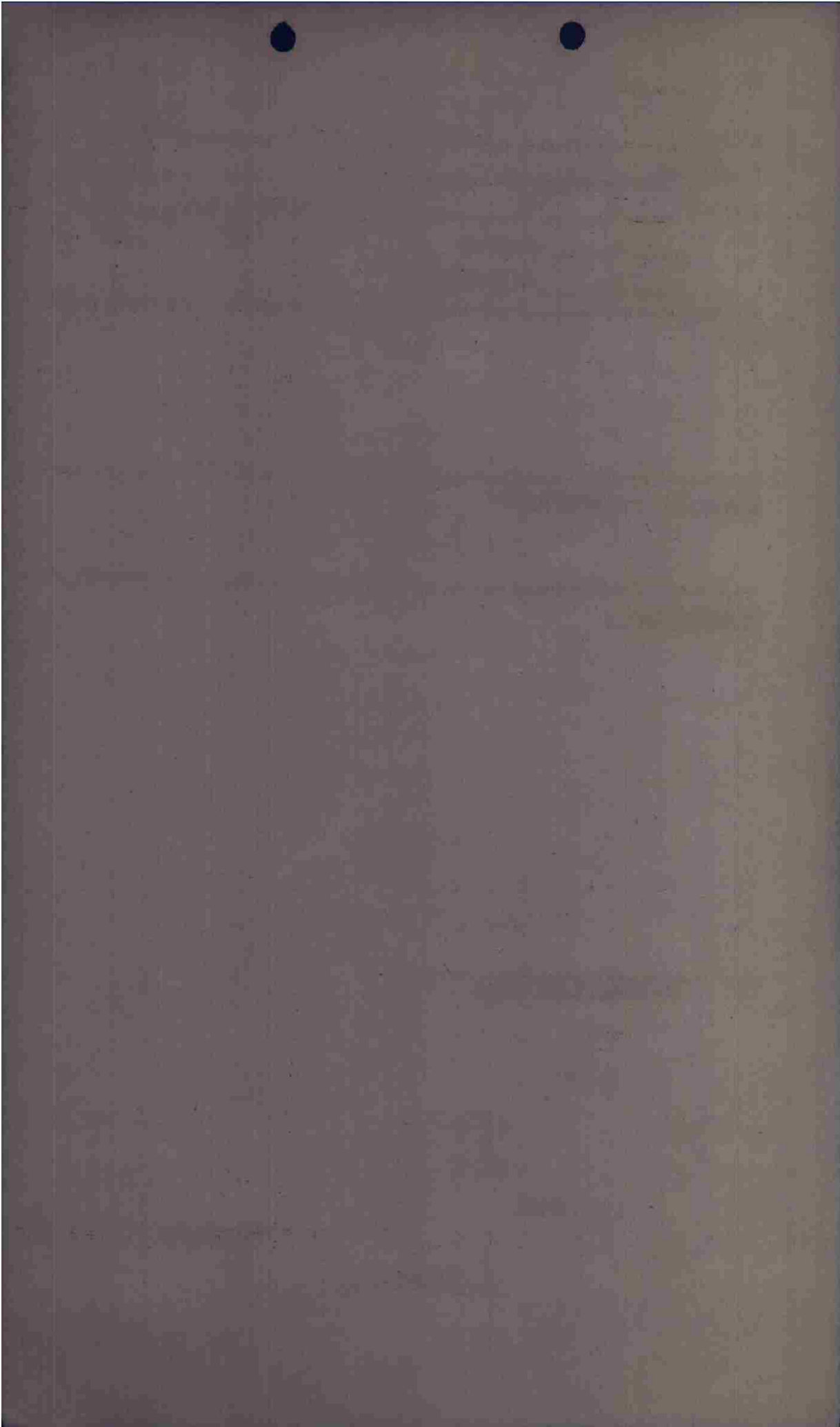
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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  X   X
 Y   X
  X   X
 X   X
  X (SPARE)
  
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PILOT Smith A/C# 271 BOX II FLT 3

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : <u>2 2X 100</u> ON <u>Primary</u>		BATTLE DAMAGE		
	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X				
X	JETTISONED		<u>nil.</u>	

FLAK : XXH1 target
~~XXH1~~ XH1 ~~RP~~ between target and RP
XH1 circling for FR

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

target A/D visible just about time bombs dropped but hits not observed.

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

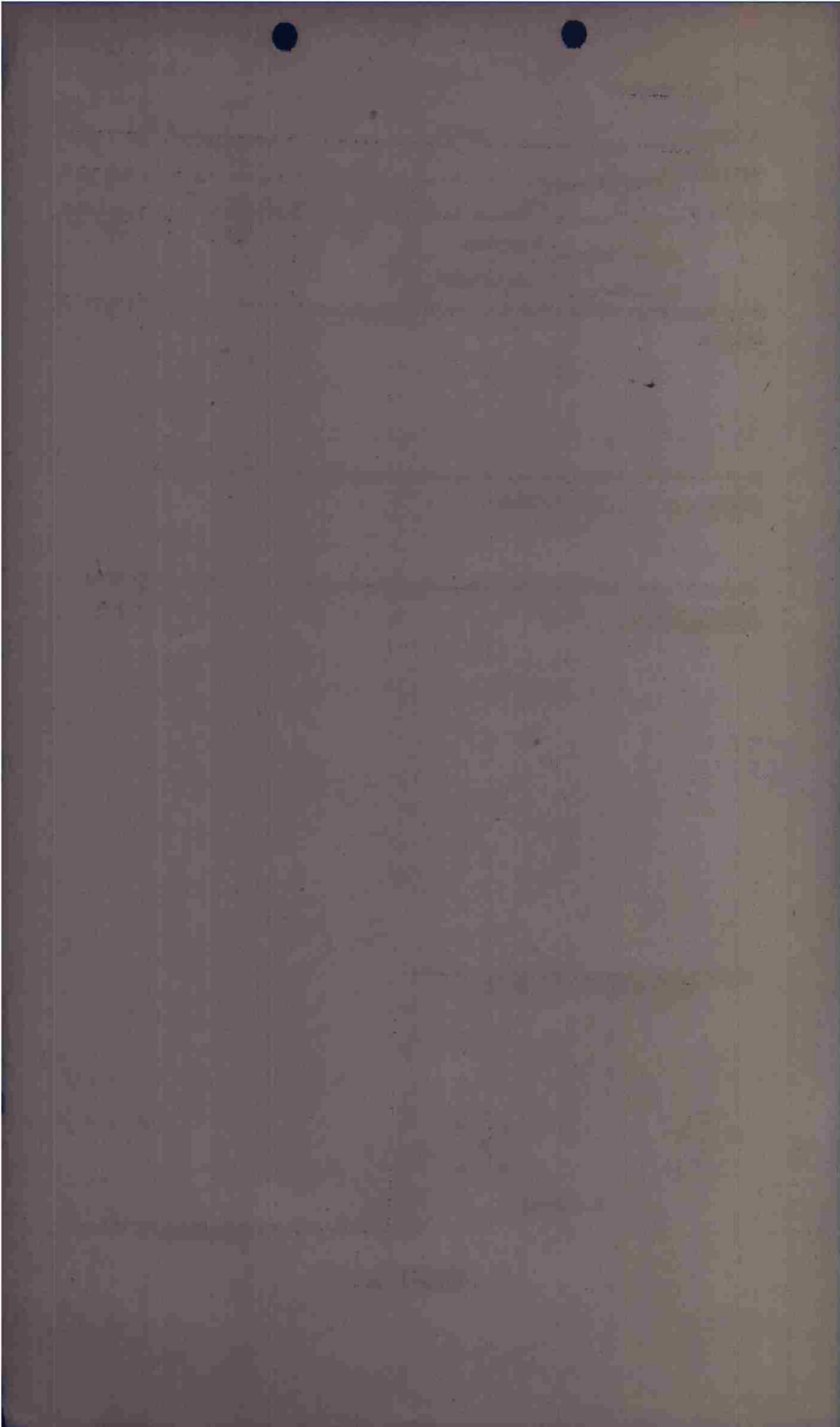
  X           X
 Y  X       X X
   X       X
  X (X)    X X

      X (SPARE)

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PILOT Remiszewski A/O# 313 BOX IV FLT 2

CASUALTIES nil

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X	RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	JETTISONED	✓		

FLAK : XX (30 bursts) HA - on turn off -
XHI on circling for FR

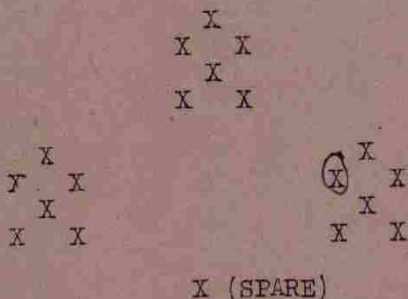
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Target visible but haze
prevented observation of hits
Bombed from 8,000 feet

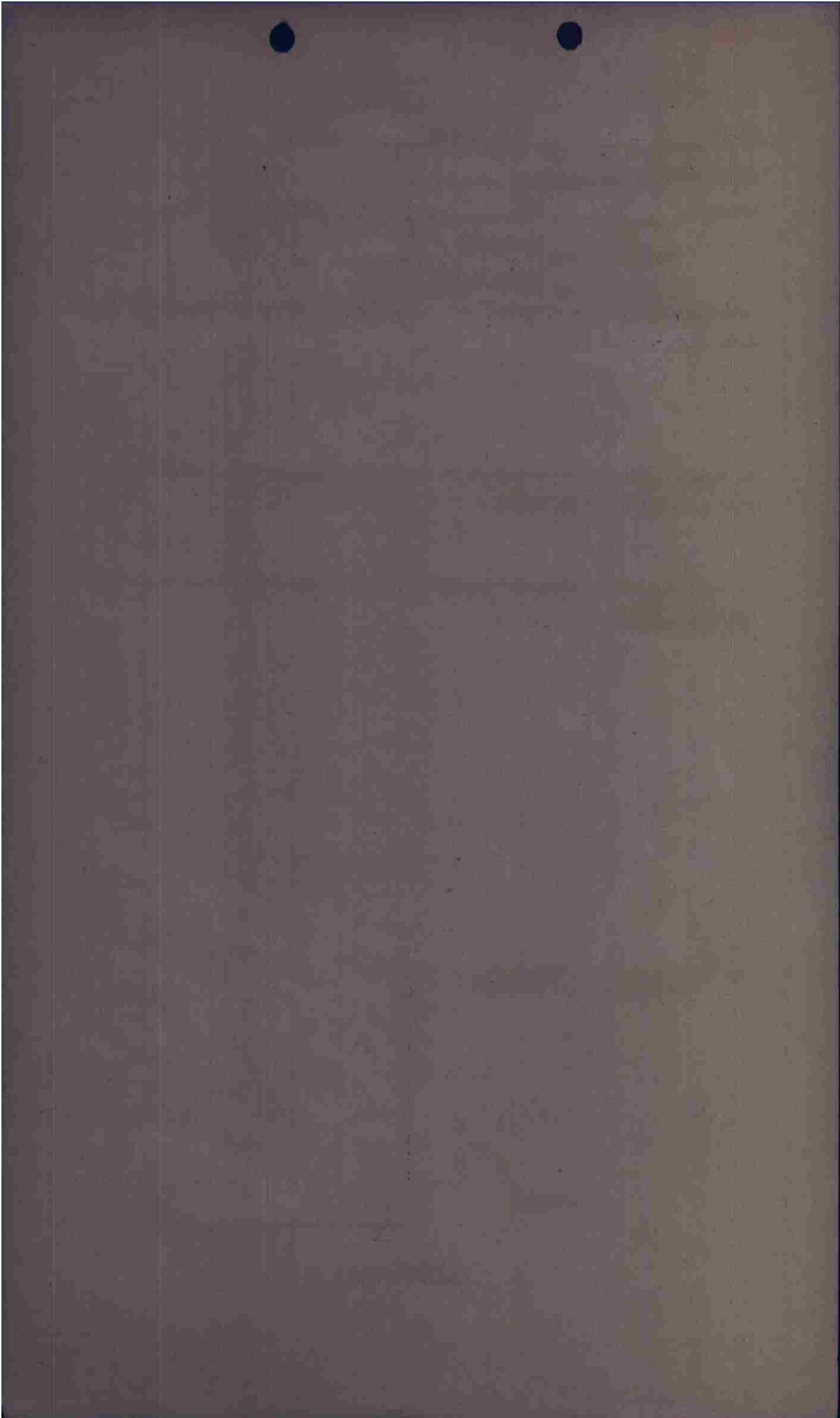
POSITION IN FORMATION

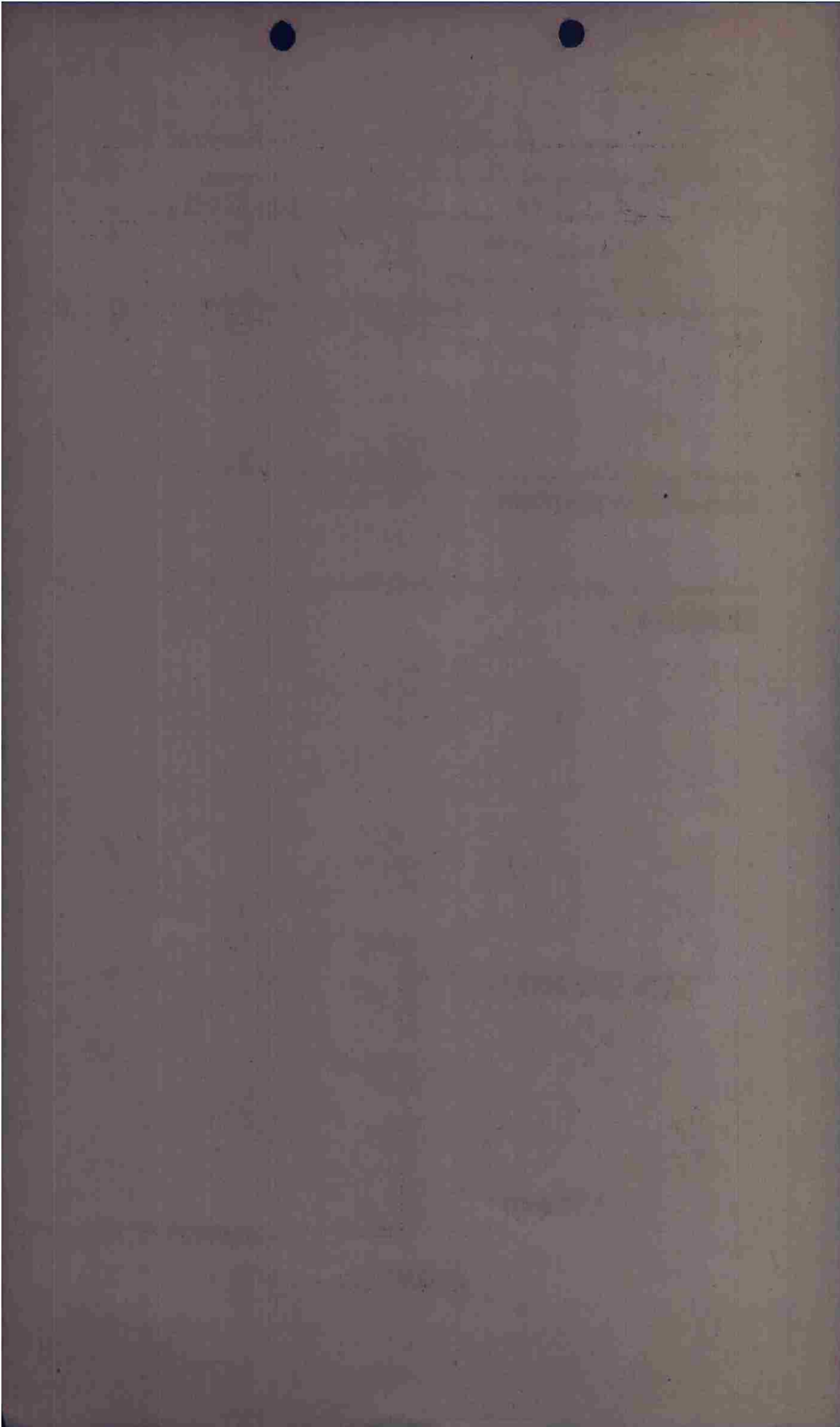


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PILOT Graber A/C# 297 BOX IV FLT 2

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON <u>111</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
<u>X</u>	RETURNED	:	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	:			

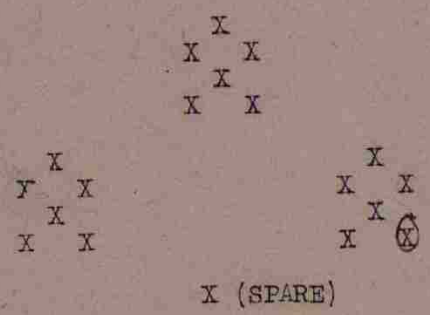
FLAK : X HI on run up.
X HI on circle just inside bomb line

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

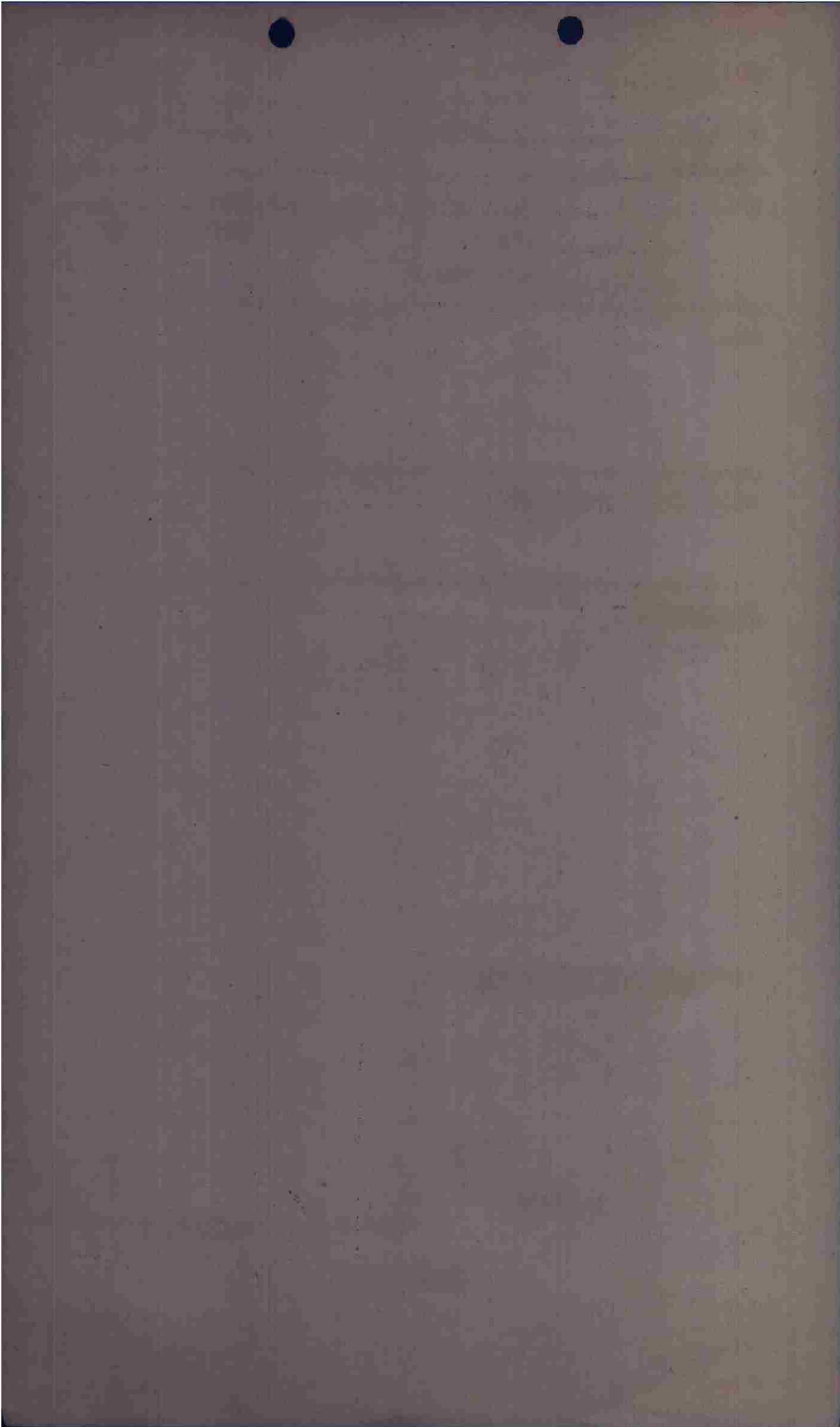
no obs. Hazy at tgt.
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PILOT Turman A/C# 215 BOX IV FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	QUANTITY	STATUS	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	22 X 100	ON			
X		RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : w/ia Bomblies
MIA Tgt

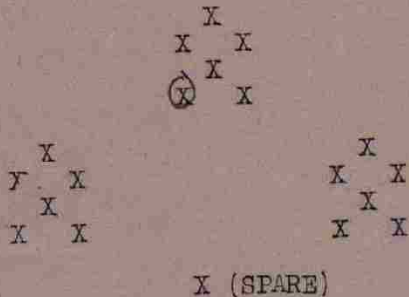
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

fires on bombline

Cam 9.

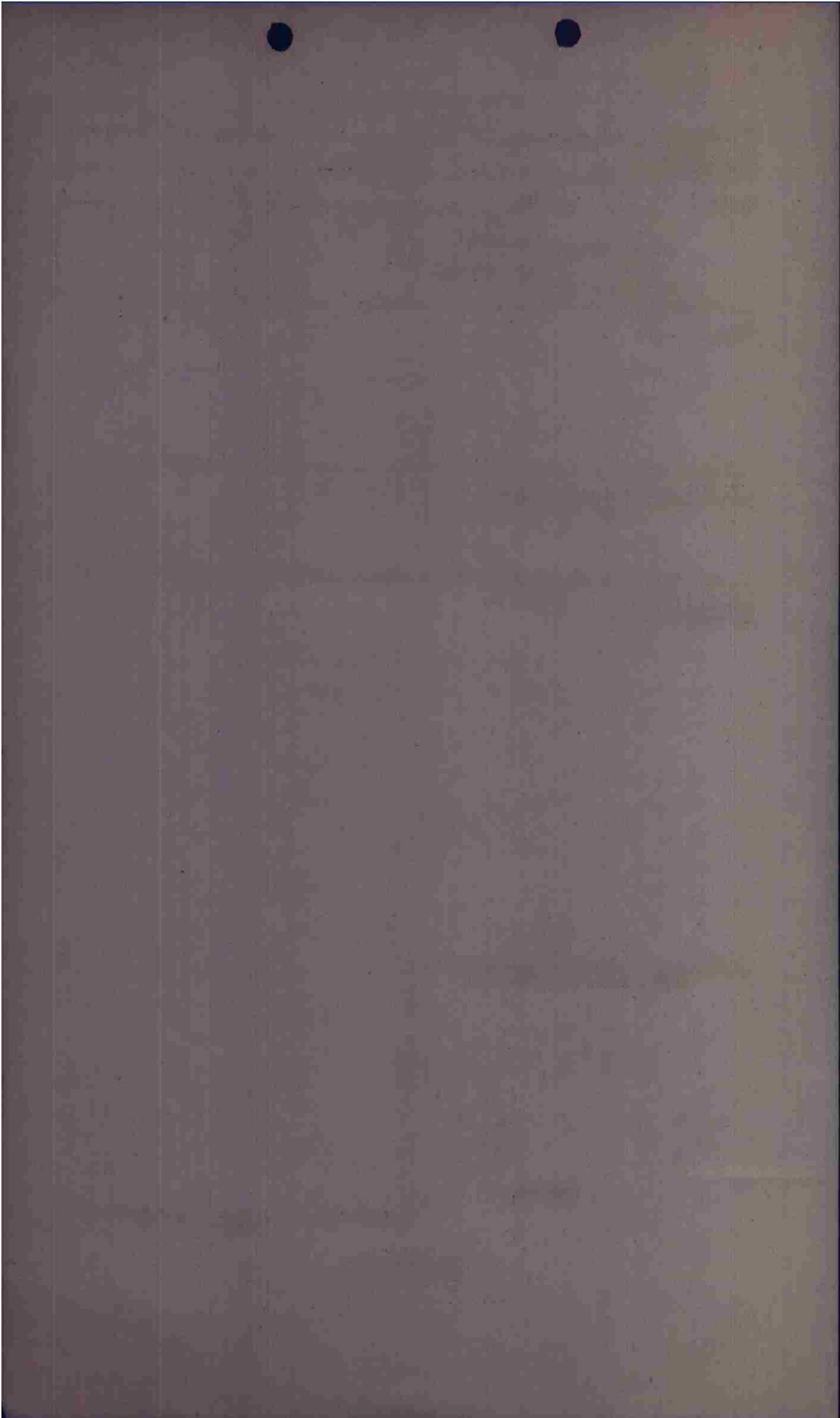
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PILOT Stankowski A/C# 205 BOX II FLT 1

CASUALTIES

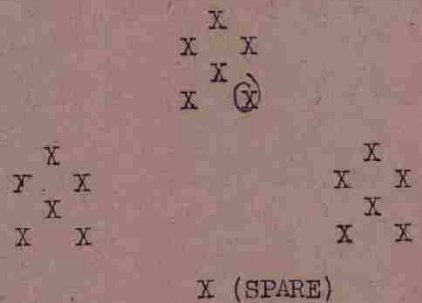
BOMBS :		ON	RETURNED	JETTISONED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	<u>22 X 100</u>						
	X						
	X						

FLAK : WHA at Rhine
WHA Tgt.
WHA turn off Tgt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

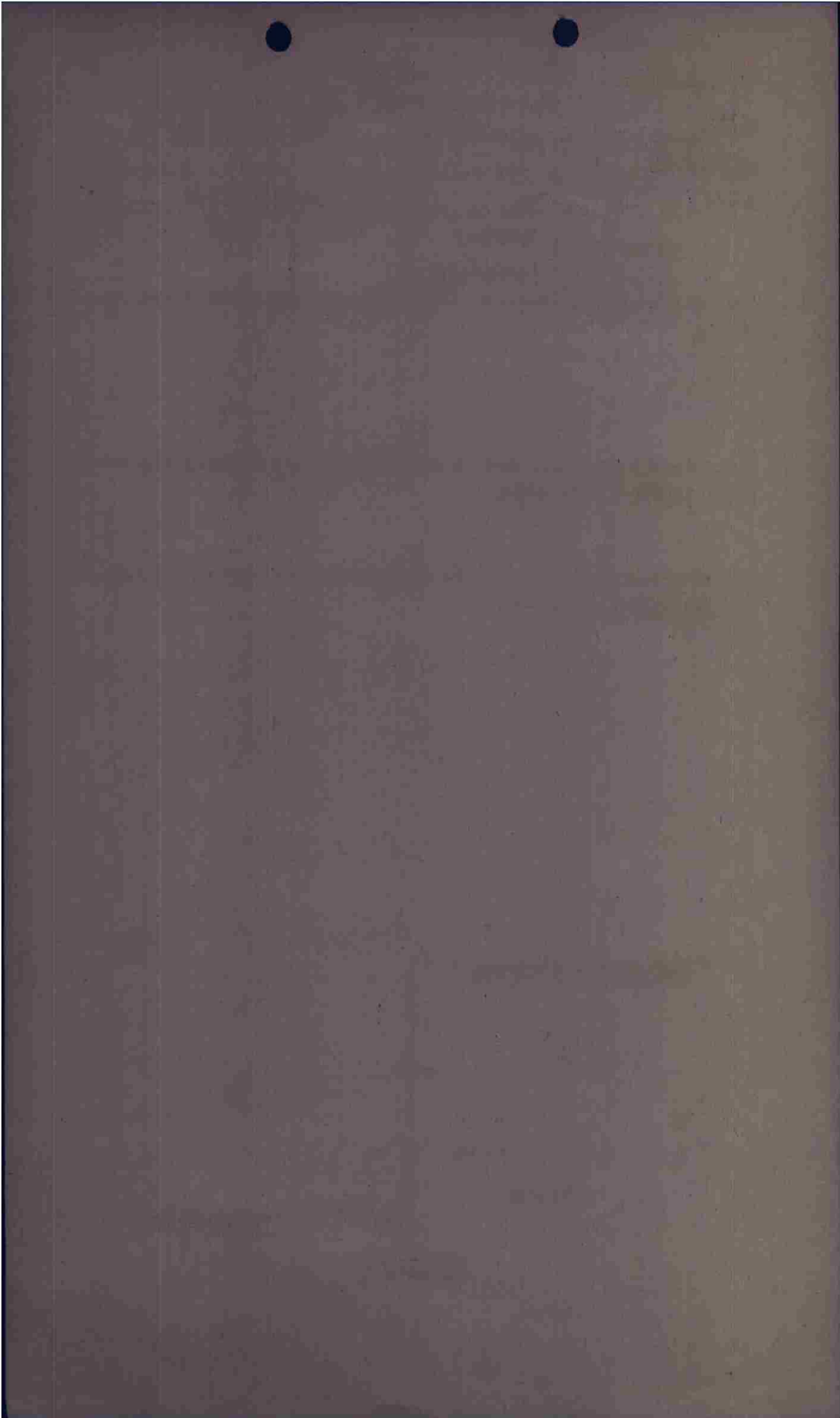
OBSERVATIONS : runway seems to be bombed out.

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PILOT Baravsky A/C# 244 BOX IV FLT (Spare)

CASUALTIES

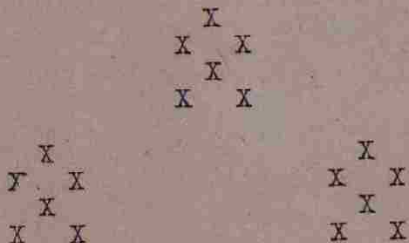
BOMBS :	QUANTITY	STATUS	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	100	ON			
X		RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK : T9T w/ia
Turn of T9T w/ia

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION

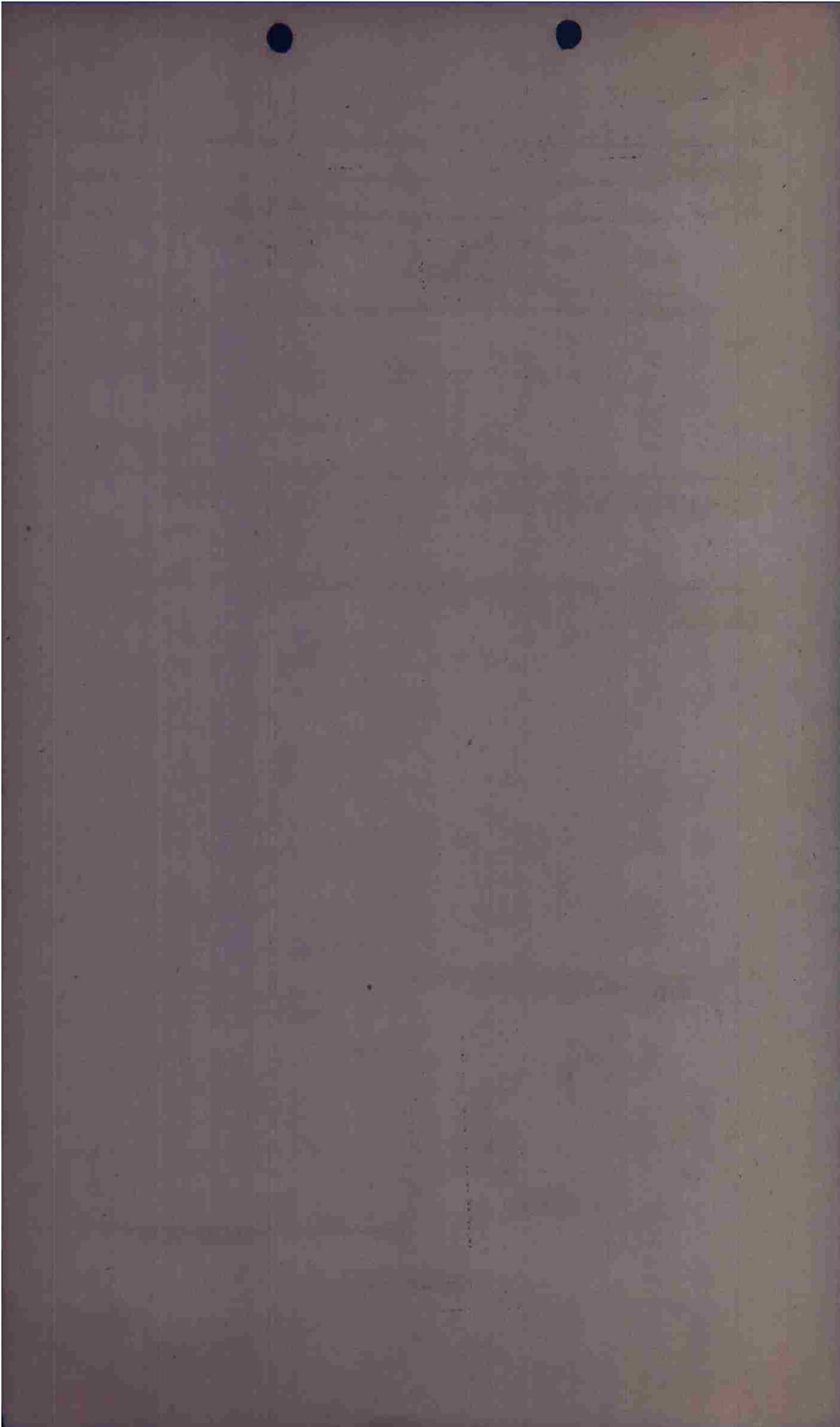


(X) (SPARE)

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PILOT Derner A/C# 263 BOX II FLT 3

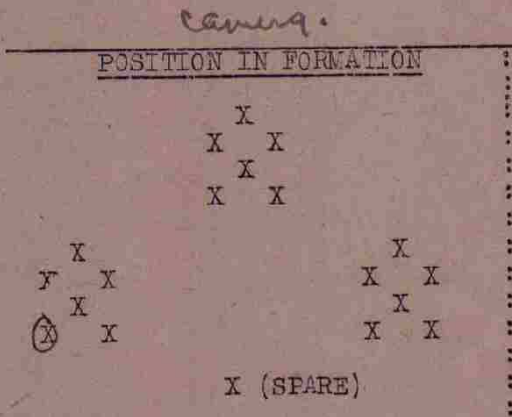
CASUALTIES

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>22</u>	<u>X 100</u>				
	<u>X</u>				
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED			

FLAK : FR WHIA
Turn off FR WHIA.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :



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